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10 KILLED IN FOG PILE-UP

Speed restriction law planned

By GERALD BARTLETT and ALAN COPPS

THE Government is to consider making the hazard warning signals on motorways legally enforceable after yesterday's 10 deaths in a pile-up of 22 vehicles on the fogbound M25.

At present the speed-limit signals are merely advisory. The proposal that they be made mandatory was disclosed in the Commons by the Transport Minister, Mrs Chalker, when she promised an investigation into the "terrible tragedy" of the M25.

She told MPs that warning lights on the M25 near the Kent-Surrey border had been on all night because of "appalling" conditions.

But Mr Mark Wolfson, Tory MP for Sevenoaks, said the lights were not operating on the stretch of motorway between Godstone, Surrey, and Sevenoaks, Kent — the scene of the pile-up just after 6 a.m.

That section of the motorway, set in a valley, is said to be notorious for its fog banks.

Kent police confirmed later that the hazard warning lights were not switched on until police officers arrived at the scene after the crash.

A patrol in the area an hour earlier had reported that the fog was not thick.

Following the accident, police crews on the M25 met a blanket of fog as they travelled from Sevenoaks towards the scene, said the police spokesman.

The victims of yesterday's pile-up died as lorries and cars plunged into each other and were then engulfed in 20ft high flames as a petrol tanker exploded.

The fog which blanketed the south-east and central Britain on Monday night, and early Tuesday, caused a series of crashes, closing five motorways for a time in the South-East alone.

But the scale and death toll of the M25 crash shocked hardened police and ambulance crews.

Tachometers of two lorries — one of them among the first to crash — the other the last — revealed the timescale of the carnage.

The first tachometer stopped at 6.05 a.m. and the last at 6.18 a.m.

Most of the vehicles were burned out, many welded together by the intense heat. And one lorry ironically bore a "keep your distance" sticker on its front bumper.

Twelve hours after the crash, rescue teams found a car with a body inside hidden under one of the lorries.

"We knew there was a body, but we didn't know there was a car. That is the kind of thing we are dealing with," said a police spokesman.

Dazed survivors spoke of hearing screams of agony through the fog and of being catapulted through doors and windcreens as they were repeatedly shunted around the wreckage.

But most of the injured escaped, including Kent's Janet Brown, 32, of Billericay; Ray Chambers, 24, of Southend; Kevin Richards, 61, of Tunbridge Wells; Keith Deubert, 56, of Chatham; Michael Lawry, 49, of Paversham; and Arndt van der Schaaf, 37, of Breckbergen, Holland.

Hurting into gloom, and Pictures—P3

Crash section

closed today

Last night, rescuers worked on under emergency lighting to recover the bodies of victims and to clear wreckage.

At one time more than 70 police, 70 firemen and dozens of ambulance crews were at the scene.

The three lane stretch of the crash scene between junctions five and six is expected to remain closed until tonight.

During the day rescuers continued on Back P. Col 3

'Pull in to the side' advice to drivers

DRIVERS seeing a pile-up immediately ahead — and with a 38-ton juggernaut bearing down on them — were advised yesterday "to get into the side and up the embankment."

Mr Michael Pickering, chairman of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, said: "You may be a pig in the middle and there is nothing you can do about it."

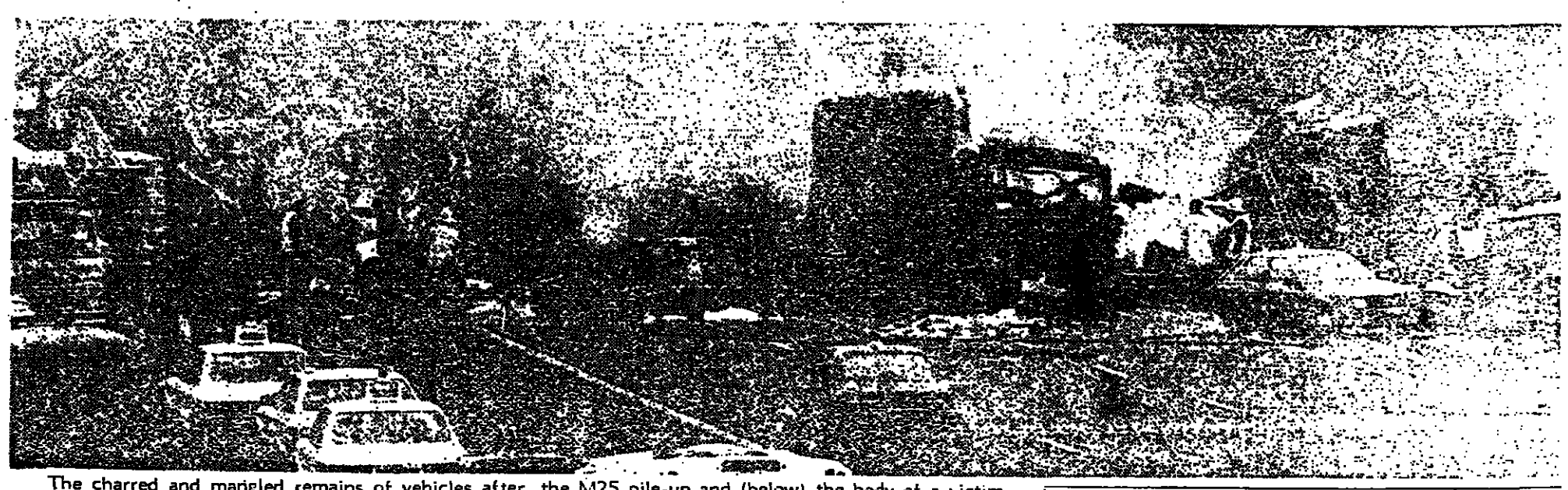
The institute's chief examiner, Mr. Ted Clements, believes motorway warning signals are too far apart.

Motorists tended to ignore them because there was no obvious hazard, he said.

The signals are sited at two-mile intervals, and have to be triggered by police radar guns.

But a Transport Department spokesman said last night they were gradually being replaced by electronically controlled hazard and display, varying with traffic conditions.

Mr Clements added: "The average motorist doesn't realise you can have a clear night and then suddenly you are in fog."



The charred and mangled remains of vehicles after the M25 pile-up and (below) the body of a victim is carried past a wrecked newsprint lorry.



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RED SIGNAL DEATH CRASH

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

A LONDON Underground driver passed a red signal before being killed when his train ran into the back of another train at Kilburn yesterday, according to initial official inquiries.

The driver, Timothy Spewin, 28, a married man from Milton Keynes, Bucks, died on his first day of duty as a qualified solo driver.

His train hit another one which had stopped at a red light on a surface section of the northbound Metropolitan Line between Kilburn and Willesden Green stations. Four passengers and the driver and guard of the train which had stopped were injured but were not detained in hospital.

Mr John Cope, London Regional Transport's operations director, said: "Our investigation is that the second train passed a signal which was at red and ran into the back of the train in front."

"It was an automatic signal, so the driver should have waited for at least one minute before proceeding with caution. However, I am not prepared to speculate as to the cause of the accident and a full inquiry is now being carried out."

7-week course

An underground spokesman said: "Mr Spewin, who was based at Neasden, was a guard for four years and during training he was taught 'to drive' trains in emergencies and under supervision."

After that he had the seven-week driver training course which is both practical and theoretical, culminating in an examination.

The collision happened in fog with visibility of about 100 yards.

Yesterday's collision adds to the disturbing number of about a dozen serious train crashes mostly on British Rail which are under investigation. It has been established in several cases that drivers passed red lights.

110 BACK AT PITS

The Coal Board said 110 striking miners returned to work yesterday. So far this week 227 have gone back.

Strike news — P2

Debenhams rethink on Sunday trade

By BRIAN SILK

DEBENHAMS, the store group, will reconsider its decision to defy the law against Sunday trading after a reprimand from the Prime Minister yesterday.

The company said that it would be influenced by Mrs Thatcher's words and agreed with a Commons questioner that Sunday traders should be roundly condemned for operating illegally, and added: "The law must be obeyed until it is changed by Parliament."

The shop workers' union, USDAW, immediately called on Debenhams to heed Mrs Thatcher's words and abandon its plans to open all 64 of its stores in England and Wales this Sunday.

Mr Peter Hindley, the company's director of store operations, said: "We will obviously consider what she has to say and consider our position."

Legal threat

Mr Hindley said the company would also be influenced by the threat of legal action by local authorities.

The union has asked councils to seek High Court orders prohibiting Sunday opening. Some councils have already said they intended to seek injunctions.

With the double rate paid on a Sunday, a sales assistant could expect to earn about £20 for the day.

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THOUSANDS IN TELECOM PROFIT RUSH

By Our Business Correspondent

Thousands of small shareholders joined in the rush yesterday to take a 30 per cent profit on British Telecom shares after getting formal allocation letters in the morning post.

Those selling the minimum 200-share allocation ended up with a £53 profit before commission payment. For 450 shares the pre-commission profit was £186; at 600, £279; and for 800 shares, £572.

The Telecom issue was blamed yesterday for a 2½ per cent jump in the money supply last month, which pushed monetary growth well above its prescribed target range.

City Reports—P19

£200,000 FINE TO BE SEIZED

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

A SENIOR High Court official has been brought in to collect the unpaid £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the Transport and General Workers' Union for failing to comply with court orders during the recent Austin Rover strike.

Mr Justice Hodgson, who imposed the fine last month, yesterday ordered that it should be collected by the Queen's Remembrancer, Mr John Bickford-Smith, 69, the master of the Queen's Bench Division.

The order means that the union could escape having its £54 million assets partially or totally frozen by court-appointed sequestrators.

When a contempt fine is unpaid, the court has power under Section 16 of the 1981 Contempt of Court Act to notify the Queen's Remembrancer who can take steps to enforce it as if it were an unpaid judgment debt.

POLY ROW INQUIRY

By JOHN IZBICKI
Education Correspondent

AN "INDEPENDENT inquiry" into the way the Polytechnic of North London has been run, was ordered last night by Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority.

The announcement came as the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics met to hear how Dr David Macdonald, 54, college director, had been found to such an extent that he decided to take early retirement.

The committee leaders will be seeing Mr Peter Brooke, Minister for Higher Education, on Jan. 9 and they are also seeking a meeting with Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary.

Plea to Sir Keith—P2

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BELGIAN BOMBS DISRUPT NATO OIL SUPPLIES

By Our Staff Correspondent
in Brussels

A Belgian terrorist group yesterday claimed responsibility for six bomb attacks on Nato oil pipelines in Belgium that caused serious damage, but no casualties.

The first explosion at Litre, 20 miles south of Brussels, seriously damaged a pipeline carrying fuel from Le Havre to Aachen. It was followed by five other blasts, two of which caused serious fires.

The attacks succeeding in halting briefly the flow of oil from Le Havre and Antwerp to Nato forces in Germany, and to the Supreme Allied Command in Europe at Casteau in Belgium.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Anti-cyclone over Low Countries will move slowly E. as cold front approaches W. areas.

LONDON: Mild, S.E. Gls. S. W. E. ENGLAND: E. S. W. Fog, dense and freezing in places, clearing slowly. Little snow sun. Wind S.E. light. Max. 45F.

GLoucester: S.W. N.W. ENGLAND: W. S. W. Dull, misty at first, sunnier periods later. Wind S.E. moderate. 40F-48F.

S. SCOTLAND: Cloudy. Wind S.E. moderate or Irish. 40F-48F.

S. NORTH SEA: STRONG ON SHORE. E. G. W. Wind S. or S.E. force E. S. sea smooth.

OUTLOOK: Dry at first in E. rain spreading from W.

Weather Maps—P30

13 councils told to cut rates

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MR JENKIN, Environment Secretary, yesterday set the scene for confrontation with high-spending Labour councils by announcing that 13 of them must cut their rates next year or the Government will do it for them.

Five other councils will have a limit set on the amount by which they can raise rates.

Mr Jenkin told the Commons that by fixing rate levels for the 18 highest spenders — all but two of the Labour — under rate-capping legislation, he was able to offer extra cash to authorities which had observed spending limits he had set.

He announced that councils will receive £11764 million in rate support grant from central government — slightly more than he proposed in July but rather less than the current year's figure.

Government funding will provide for 49.7 per cent of council spending in 1985-86 compared with 52 per cent in the current year and 61 per cent in 1979-80.

'Fair settlement'

Mr Jenkin said £11,764 million was a "reasonable and fair settlement."

But Dr John Cunningham, his Labour shadow, said that it was 5 per cent short of what was needed to maintain existing services.

Mr Jenkin said that rate-capping enabled him to avoid imposing overall formulae which penalised thrifty councils — a practice which has sparked several Tory backbench revolts in the past.

He announced that, because forecasts of inflation for the year ahead had risen he would make an overall increase over this year's spending limits of

an extra 0.25 per cent, bringing the increase to 4.5 per cent.

For exceptionally low spenders, notably Berkshire, there would be room to spend an extra 0.125 per cent, bringing their limits to 4.625 per cent, over last year.

While Conservatives from the shire counties were broadly satisfied, Labour MPs were sharply critical of Mr Jenkin's plans for the "rate-capped" councils, which to their delight include two under Conservative control: Brent and Portsmouth.

Mr Jenkin said that if the "rate-capped" councils had not sent him comments on the rate level he was setting by Jan. 15, he would ask the Commons to pass an order giving it the force of law.

57 p.c. reduction

The 13 councils which will have to cut rates are: G.I.C. Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Inner London Education Authority, Lambeth, Leicester, Lewisham, Portsmouth, Sheffield, Southwark, and South Yorkshire. The rate in Leicester was estimated last night at 57 per cent.

The five allowed a lower rate increase, than they would have opted for without being "capped" are: Barking, Brentford, Camden, Merton, and Thamesdown.

SICK PAY RISE

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Sick pay is to rise by five per cent, next April to £1.35 a week for those earning more than £71. Mr. Fisher, Social Services Secretary, announced yesterday. Those earning £71 to £71.40 will get £71.40 and those earning £71.40 to £71.80 will get £71.80.

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CARROT AND STICK FOR COUNCILS

By JOHN CRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

MR JENKIN, the Environment Secretary, last night announced a stick and carrot strategy for controlling local government spending when he announced details of the rate support grant, the money the Government gives local councils towards their costs.

Limits for some of the 18 councils where the rates will be subject to Government approval will now be far stricter than they had expected. This is partly because the Government has taken their balances into account in an attempt to set realistic targets.

But councils which comply with the Government's targets will be able to spend up to 4½ per cent above this year's budgets next year, 1985-86. This is in line with latest inflation estimates.

This is likely to benefit the shire counties in particular and to enable them to avoid cuts in services or in spending in real terms after allowing for inflation.

Some low-spending authorities which meet both the Government's spending targets and its grant-related expenditure assessment, the money Whitehall estimates councils should level to provide a standard level of service, will do better.

These will be allowed to increase their spending by up to 4.625 per cent, without incurring penalties. Berkshire is one of the counties which should benefit. The Minister has adjusted the block grant distribution to impose greater penalties on councils which overspend slightly.

This is also intended to help low-spending councils because it redistributes grant to councils spending below their assessments.

Below average
Mr Jenkin forecast that if councils budgeted to meet their targets, rate increases would be in low single figures and below this year's average of five to six per cent.

The Exchequer grant towards local council spending next year will be £11,764 million, slightly higher than Mr Jenkin originally proposed in July, but rather less than the current year's figure. The expenditure targets total £21,800 million.

The Government will contribute in grant next year 48.7 per cent, towards agreed expenditure compared with 51.9 per cent this year.

Mr Jenkin argued that councils had failed to reduce their staffs by voluntary wastage. Some had inflated their manpower budgets. Local councils were not an employment agency nor a type of outdoor relief.

The 18 councils subject to rate-capping will receive notices this week setting out the limits of the rates they will legally be able to charge. They have until Jan. 15 to comment on any rate or precept limits proposed.

Mr Jenkin warned that if he had not heard from them by then, he would ask the Commons to confirm the rate limits by affirmative order.

He said: "The proposed rate and precept limits I am announcing today will be warmly welcomed by ratepayers in the areas concerned. For 13 of the 18 authorities I have set rate or precept limits which are lower than the rates or precepts being charged this year."

He argued that in the five remaining cases the rates would be lower than they would have been if rate-capping had not been in force.

Leicester City Council is being expected to reduce its own rate next year by 56.61 per cent.

Mr Peter Soulsby, leader of the Labour-controlled council, said: "I am totally dumbfounded. My first impression was that there must have been some kind of typing mistake."

The Greater London Council is being told to cut £142 million

from its budget, though this will mean a cut in its rate of only 0.08 per cent. The spending cut is more than double what the G.L.C. was expecting and is likely to make more difficult the task of Mr Kenneth Livingstone and his colleagues that the targets are attainable and to comply with the law.

Mr John McDonnell, chairman of the Finance Committee, said: "The cuts he is asking the London councils to make are impossible."

Three councils, the G.L.C., ILEA and Greenwich, have been told to reduce their cash spending next year by 1.3 per cent. The others are being told to spend only the same in cash next year as they are budgeting to spend this.

The rate increases implied by the limits on the rateable poundages set by the Government vary widely, partly because the Government has to take into account the amount of council's cash spending.

Merseyside, one of the councils which has used reserves to finance spending this year and which may not have enough to do so next year, can legally increase its rate next year by up to 27.48 per cent.

Other councils would be allowed to increase their rates (percentage figures in brackets): Brent (1.55), Camden (0.09) and Thamesdown (5.59).

The following councils are being told to cut their rates (percentage figures in brackets): G.L.C. (0.08), Greenwich (18.91), Hackney (4.37), Haringey (3.05), Inner London Education Authority (7.26), Islington (8.39), Lambeth (12.59), Lewisham (24.41), Portsmouth (1.18), Sheffield (0.56), Southwark (24.74) and South Yorkshire (2.08).

Transport figures slashed
Our TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT writes: Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, yesterday slashed from £1,898 million to only £720 million the amount of spending to qualify for "transport supplementary grants" to local councils from this department.

In previous years the money has been for both capital and current spending on public transport, roads, including fare subsidies.

Next year it will be available only on capital spending on approved road schemes. Mr Ridley's view is that far too much money is going into fare subsidies.

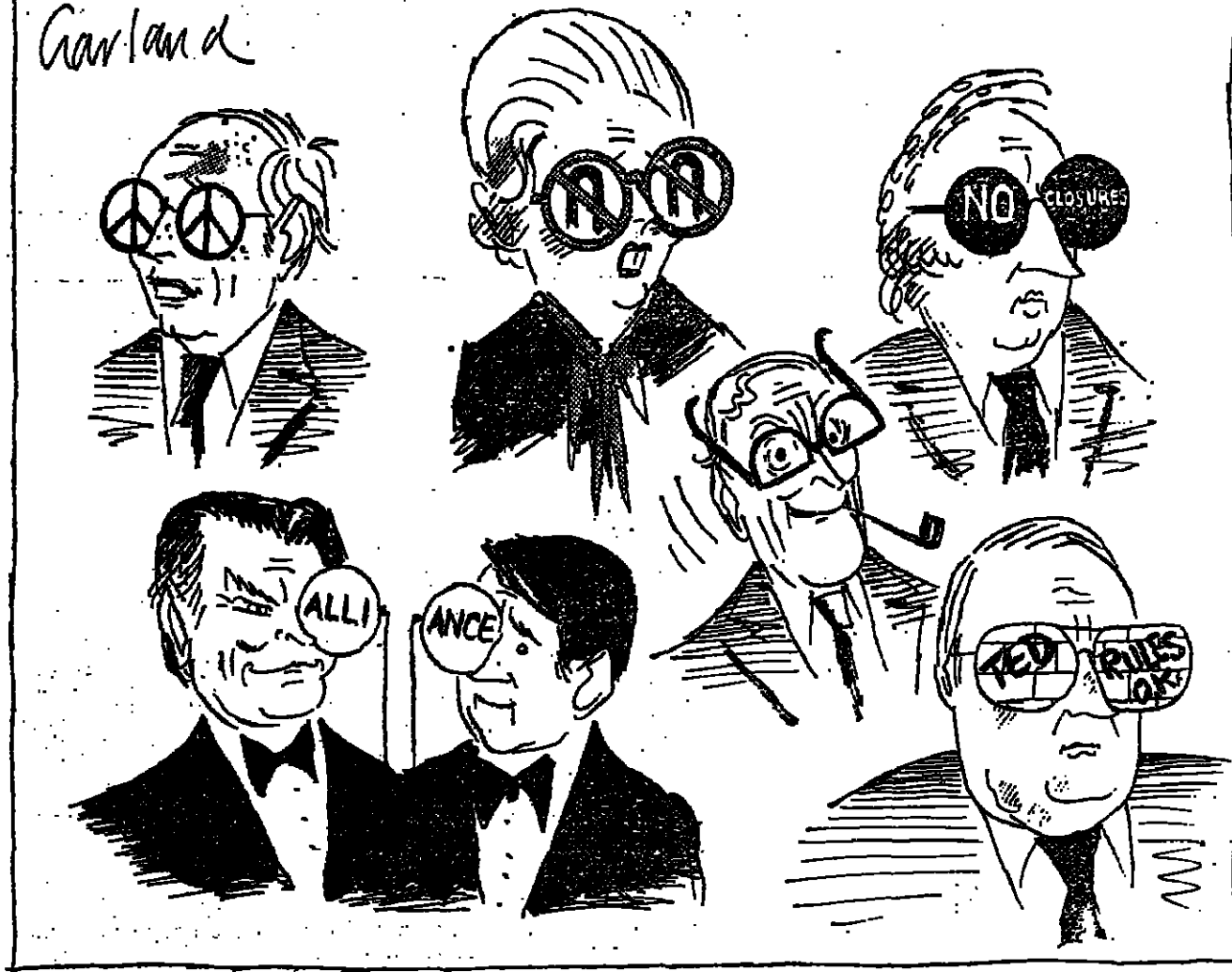
Grants of £400 million were approved by his department on the £1,898 million schemes put up by local councils for the 12 months ending next March.

In the following 12 months, there will be only £160 million in grants on approved roads spending of £400 million.

Mr Ridley said it would "include 289 major road schemes, 214 of which are already in progress or due to start in 1984/85 and a further 105 to start in 1985/86."

They include 169 bypasses or relief roads.

The top grant of £9 million will go to the West Midlands, followed by more than £6 million each for Northampton and Greater London, over £5 million each to Dorset, Hampshire, Hertford, Kent and Lancashire and more than £4 million for Essex.



Opticians lose monopoly on specs.

200 MOURN TAXI DRIVER

TAXI DRIVERS from throughout Britain joined mourners from the pit communities of Pontypridd yesterday at the funeral of Mr David Wilkie, 35, the driver killed on Nov. 30 as he took a miner to work.

Nearly 200 mourners crowded into St Mary's Church at Glyntaff, Mid-Glamorgan, after six of Mr Wilkie's colleagues from City Centre Cars of Cardiff had acted as pallbearers.

Mr Wilkie, of Treforest, was killed when two pieces of concrete were thrown from a bridge on to the windscreen of his car as he drove Mr David Williams, 35, to work at Merthyr Vale Colliery.

Mr Williams, who escaped injury, was among the mourners, with another working miner, Mr Tony Dudley, who was to have been picked up by the car.

Increasing violence
Family mourners included Mr Wilkie's mother, Mrs Jean Wilkie, 60, of Cardiff Road, Treforest; his girlfriend Mrs Janice Reed, 25, who is expecting his baby in January; and Mrs Connie Phillips, 35, his former common law wife of 12 years, with whom he had two children.

The Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt. Rev. John Poole Hughes, told the mourners: "We here mourn the death of David Wilkie must say today that he had not died in vain as one incident in an increasing train of violence."

Saving there should be a halt to the violence of the miners' strike "before it is too late," he suggested a three-point plan: a moratorium to allow an immediate return to work, the creation of an impartial board to investigate the wider issues of mining communities in a future coal industry and positive action through a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness.

Mrs Janice Reed laid a wreath at the graveyard with the message: "Two miners have been remanded in custody by Merthyr Tydfil magistrates, accused of murdering Mr Wilkie."

'£5 IF YOU STAY' PAY OFFER
By Our Industrial Staff
Land Rover has offered its 9,000 workers a two-year pay deal worth £18 a week, average, but £5 of it is in the form of an attendance allowance paid only to those present for a full 39 hours.

The intention is to reduce absenteeism and walk-outs. Union leaders, who want a one year rise worth £15 a week, will respond.

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92 pc disapprove of pit strike tactics

NINE in 10 of the general public disapprove of the methods being used by the miners in the furtherance of their dispute, and three in four say their impression of Mr Scargill has gone down over his handling of the dispute.

These are some of the main findings from a Gallup Poll conducted exclusively for THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

Following the death of a miner's taxi driver, David Wilkie, on Nov. 30, disapproval of the methods being used at present by the unions has increased from 86 per cent, in mid-November to 92 per cent now.

People were also asked whether their impressions of Mrs Thatcher, Mr Kinnoch, Mr MacGregor, and Mr Scargill had gone up or down over their handling of the miners' dispute. All four are losing, but by no means equally.

The table below shows a net disapproval score, where the minus figures signify the degree to which those saying "gone down" outnumbered those saying "gone up".

More back NCB
Even among Labour supporters, 22 per cent said their impression of Mr Kinnoch had gone down, while 19 per cent said it had gone up.

As might be expected, the NUM officials for the Yorkshire area told the Coal Board yesterday that it would drop a demand for the reinstatement of miners dismissed at Rossington Colliery, South Yorks, if the board would withdraw 27 working miners at the pit.

The NUM branch at Rossington, near Doncaster, would then be prepared to go underground and fight a fire along a 20-yard stretch of roadway.

The request for the branch to drop the reinstatement of the sacked miners was, according to an NCB official, rejected by the Doncaster area of the NCB.

The withdrawal of working miners from the pit is one of several conditions laid down by the branch before it will allow striking miners to fight the blaze, which is a serious threat to the colliery and its 1,500 jobs.

The reinstatement of miners dismissed by the board since the start of the dispute is one of the conditions laid down by Mr Scargill for an end to the strike.

The board has dismissed miners for damaging coal stock property, going underground in contravention of the Mines and Quarries Act and taking over headstocks. The dismissals at Rossington relate mainly to damage to property.

Geologist dies
Mr Michael Robinson, 38, an NCB geologist helping to fight the underground fire at Rossington colliery, collapsed and died yesterday.

'Bully boys' slow return to Yorkshire pits
By BRENDA PARRY
Thankfully for the Haywoods, the double glazing withstood the barrage. On another occasion a gas of 400 gathered across the street, throwing stones at the house.

The words "scabby bastard" were daubed in paint on the windows, ball bearings have been hurled and Mr Haywood's allotment has been ransacked. The couple face abuse every time they open their door.

"I was always proud to be a miner's daughter and a miner's wife, but now I want to know what has happened to Yorkshire pride and fair mindedness," said Mrs Haywood.

'Scab lady'
"Grown men spit at us and I am well known locally as the 'scab lady' but I know Norman is doing the right thing."

"I know this strike would never have happened had there been a democratic ballot and I believe if the miners follow their own logic instead of Scargill like sheep, most of them would be back at work today."

Things are not so bad for her now as they were in August and September. On one occasion 40 hooded men attacked the house with bricks.

£40m CUTS IN AID TO FARMERS

BIG CUTS in grants to farmers for field drainage work were announced yesterday by Mr Jopling, Agricultural Minister, as part of his promised £40 million saving on farm capital grants.

Apart from reducing the annual grants bill of £200 million, the changes are said to reflect the Government's aim of achieving a closer integration of conservation and agricultural policies.

Grants for field drainage cost taxpayers £60 million a year. But from yesterday, the rates of grant were cut from 70 per cent to 50 per cent, on hill land and from 50 per cent to 32½ per cent in the lowlands.

These grants are paid under the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Scheme, which is 25 per cent financed from the EEC's Common Farm Fund.

Immediate effect
Under the fully nationally-financed Agriculture and Horticulture Grant Scheme, where the other grant cuts all fall, grants for field drainage have been halved to 15 per cent in the lowlands, and 30 per cent in the hills.

The overall £40 million cut in farm capital grants had been announced a month ago after the Chancellor's mini-Budget. Mr Jopling announced in a Commons written reply yesterday which farm grants have been pruned. The changes all take effect immediately.

In the lowlands, the standard Agricultural and Horticulture Grants Scheme grant is now 15 per cent, when previously it ranged from 20 to 50 per cent, according to the farm project in the hills, the standard grant rate is now 30 per cent. It previously ranged from 20 to 60 per cent.

Conservation aim
Emphasising the conservation aspect of the changes, planting hedges and building walls using traditional materials will now attract a 50 per cent grant in the lowlands instead of 20 per cent, and in the hills, the increased grant rate will be introduced last year for hedges, traditional walls and shelter belts will remain.

Farm roads in the high hills, often strongly criticised as scars on the landscape by conservationists, now attract only a 20 per cent grant, instead of 40 per cent, while in the marginal land areas the grant rate has been cut from 20 to 15 per cent.

Operations such as removing tree stumps and other obstacles to cultivation, land levelling or grading and deep ploughing, are no longer eligible for grants.

Don'ts raised
These matters, together with the institution's response to the events surrounding the attendance at the polytechnic of a student, Patrick Harrington, raise doubts about the way in which the polytechnic is conducting its affairs," she said.

She declined to respond in detail to allegations made by Dr MacDowall that she had wanted him to discipline and expel Harrington, thereby making himself liable to contempt of court following a High Court judgment that Harrington be given full access to the course for which he is legitimately registered.

"I wish to state categorically, however, that I have never proposed that Dr MacDowall should take action which would be in breach of the law in relation to the affairs of the polytechnic. I have always acted on the advice of the education officer and legal officers of the authority," Mrs Morrell said.

North London Polytechnic became one of the country's 30 polytechnics and was formed from a merger of the North Western Poly in Kentish Town and the Northern Poly at Holloway. Eight people signed their names to form the company that became known as the P.N.I.

They were headed by Mr Brian Roberts, who was editor of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH and chairman of the board of governors. He had been a member of the Northern Polytechnic's governors from 1946 until 1971 and chairman of the newly-formed body from 1971-71.

Mr Roy Price, divisional education officer for the ILEA, yesterday complained about a report in last Monday's DAILY TELEGRAPH that claimed Mr Morrell had "failed to observe ILEA's own criteria for schools" by sending her daughter to the "middle class" Haverstock School in Hampstead instead of her local Islington Green School.

The allegation, according to Mr Price, was "completely untrue." Mrs Morrell "like any other London parent was free to express a preference for whatever school she pleased. She infringed no criteria and got no preferential treatment."

"Her reasons for choosing one school rather than another are her affair and nobody else's," he said.

Under the 1981 Education Act, parents have wider choice of schools and may even cross catchment boundaries if places exist. Inner London parents may choose any ILEA school.

MacDowall seeks Poly inquiry by Government

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

DR DAVID MACDOWALL, former Director of the Polytechnic of North London, wants an inquiry into the affairs of his college set-up by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary.

The Inner London Education Authority is to organise an "independent inquiry" into the way the college is run.

Last night Dr MacDowall accused ILEA's leader, Mrs Frances Morrell, of playing "vicious politics."

Dr Harry Law, chairman of the Centre of Directors of Polytechnics and President of Portsmouth Polytechnic, said that committee leaders would be sitting in the House of Commons for Higher Education, on Jan. 9.

"Since we consider this matter of the greatest importance, we shall ask to see Sir Keith Joseph. We are most concerned at the pressures under which Dr MacDowall has been operating over the past year," said Dr Law.

The question was raised whether the ILEA or its leaders had the powers to set up an inquiry or order the polytechnic about.

When Mr Crossland, Labour's Education Secretary in 1965-67, produced a White Paper on the governance of polytechnics, their running was placed into the hands of "suitably appointed governing bodies with a large measure of autonomy."

The Polytechnic of North London's own articles of association make it clear that it is a "company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital" under the Companies Acts 1948-1987.

Five governors
It also states: "The Polytechnic shall be governed in accordance with these Articles by the Court of Governors."

The court comprises: five governors appointed by the ILEA, two also appointed by the authority or its education committee, but the majority and there may be as many as 50) to be appointed from other sources.

Mrs Morrell told a full meeting of the education committee yesterday that the inquiry had been set up in consultation with Mr John Diamond, chairman of the polytechnic's governing body.

She criticised the "manner and effectiveness" of "polytechnic responses to recent reports from Government inspectors, the quality of its submissions through the authority to the National Advisory Body, inadequacies of internal consultations between the directors and governors, staff and students; and the failure... until prompted to do so, to establish a code of disciplinary procedures for students."

It was a clear reference to recent events involving Patrick Harrington, a National Front organiser studying philosophy at the polytechnic, and those opposed to his remaining there.

Doubts raised
These matters, together with the institution's response to the events surrounding the attendance at the polytechnic of a student, Patrick Harrington, raise doubts about the way in which the polytechnic is conducting its affairs," she said.

She declined to respond in detail to allegations made by Dr MacDowall that she had wanted him to discipline and expel Harrington, thereby making himself liable to contempt of court following a High Court judgment that Harrington be given full access to the course for which he is legitimately registered.

"I wish to state categorically, however, that I have never proposed that Dr MacDowall should take action which would be in breach of the law in relation to the affairs of the polytechnic. I have always acted on the advice of the education officer and legal officers of the authority," Mrs Morrell said.

North London Polytechnic became one of the country's 30 polytechnics and was formed from a merger of the North Western Poly in Kentish Town and the Northern Poly at Holloway. Eight people signed their names to form the company that became known as the P.N.I.

They were headed by Mr Brian Roberts, who was editor of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH and chairman of the board of governors. He had been a member of the Northern Polytechnic's governors from 1946 until 1971 and chairman of the newly-formed body from 1971-71.

Mr Roy Price, divisional education officer for the ILEA, yesterday complained about a report in last Monday's DAILY TELEGRAPH that claimed Mr Morrell had "failed to observe ILEA's own criteria for schools" by sending her daughter to the "middle class" Haverstock School in Hampstead instead of her local Islington Green School.

The allegation, according to Mr Price, was "completely untrue." Mrs Morrell "like any other London parent was free to express a preference for whatever school she pleased. She infringed no criteria and got no preferential treatment."

"Her reasons for choosing one school rather than another are her affair and nobody else's," he said.

Under the 1981 Education Act, parents have wider choice of schools and may even cross catchment boundaries if places exist. Inner London parents may choose any ILEA school.

DONATION TO MINERS BLOCKED

By Our Education Correspondent

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS, Q.C. Attorney-General, stepped into the affairs disrupting the Polytechnic of North London yesterday and obtained a High Court order to block moves by the students' union to donate money to the striking miners.

The order, granted by Mr Justice Scott, came into immediate effect and will run until Friday when three union officers will be given a chance to challenge it.

Meanwhile Patrick Harrington, the National Front organiser and Polytechnic student, obtained 19 writs for contempt of court naming poly students, four of them union executive members: Peter Ross, the president, Peter Redman, vice-president, Andy Hoy, the union's publicity officer, and Alison Hunter, editor of Foss, the union's journal.

Chance to challenge
Mr Ross and Mr Redman are two of the officers who will be given an opportunity of challenging the order to block any funds—£5,000 was voted—going to the miners.

The order restrains the three union officers from making or causing to be made any payments out of polytechnic funds "whether out of capital or income" to assist "dependants of employees of the National Coal Board, not being students of the Polytechnic" for any purpose other than advancing the education of fostering the well-being of polytechnic students.

It was the judge who first gave the insertion of the phrase "not being students of the Polytechnic." He pointed out that the original wording by Sir Michael might prevent bona fide students from making families being given assistance.

Last night, Mr Redman said the union's solicitors had been instructed not to receive any or all of the writs issued to Mr Harrington. "They will have to be served individually," he said.

"In the light of Harrington's statement on television to the effect that black people did not warrant civil liberties and in view of Frances Morrell's call for his expulsion, if anyone is jailed as a result of these writs, the court itself will be in contempt of justice," he added.

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Motorway madness leaves trail of carnage



THE M25 near Westerham, Kent, taking on the grim aspect of a breaker's yard after yesterday's early morning pile-up in thick fog which left the burning remains of a score of vehicles scattered over 40 yards of motorway.

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• "Keep your distance."—But the warning slogan did not save this lorry with its heavy load of newspapers from destruction.

'EMPHASIS ON SPEED' ATTACKED

Hurting into gloom... despite the warnings

By COLIN RANDALL

By JOHN LANGLEY
Motoring Correspondent

CAR advertisements with too much emphasis on speed and acceleration were condemned yesterday in a report by the Advertising Standards Authority.

It had never had so many justified complaints on the subject before. Some advertisements compared cars with bullets and guns.

Other examples quoted included "it's easy to forget speed limits to breaking the law at 100 mph feels like cruising at 50 mph". "Wickedly quick... capable of taking you from nought to criminal status faster than you can say 'officer'". "You'd have to be a saint not to put your foot down from 100 to time... and that's the best way we know to make the boys in blue see red."

Not the language that is self-evidently appropriate when 76,000 are killed or severely injured in road accidents each year," the authority comments. "A motor car was potentially a lethal instrument. The faster it drove, the greater their responsibility."

A NIGHTMARISH journey on the fog-bound M4 from Bristol to London provided chilling first-hand experience yesterday of what a police inspector later called "sheer incomprehensible madness."

A score of pile-ups involving at least 35 vehicles in the Reading area had emergency services at full stretch.

Any observant driver using the motorway in the appalling conditions would agree that the real wonder was that there were not even more accidents.

Terrible carnage

No one with half an ear on a car radio could have been unaware of the terrible carnage on the M25 at its Kent-Surrey border. Equally, they must have heard warning flashes warning of the closure of a stretch of the M4 between Reading and Maidenhead.

None of this, nor the evidence before their own eyes, stopped drivers hurtling on into the gloom at speeds of up to 80 mph.

Still less did it persuade a frightening minority of motorists to switch on dipped headlights.

Habit. Some thought sideflights enough, others evidently felt the conditions did not merit even these.

As I gingerly approached Junction 11 in Berkshire, where numerous bulletins had given warning of police shepherding traffic off the motorway because of a multiple smash, several drivers simply ignored the 50 mph limit, reducing to 30.

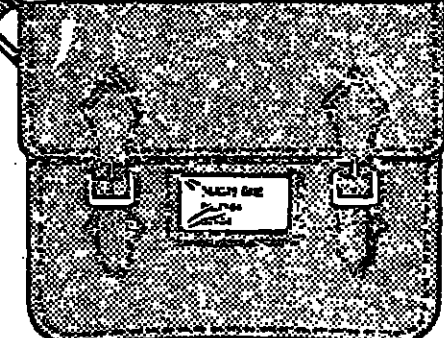
Suddenly, three lanes of near-stationary traffic loomed out of the blizzard of fog. Travelling at 30 in p.m., I switched on my hazard lights and slowed down.

In the rear-view mirror, a car appeared and it was clear the driver had little prospect of stopping in time. He swerved towards the slightly less congested middle lane as I moved sharply on to the hard shoulder, but he still thudded into the back of a car.

Mercifully, it was a minor accident with no injuries. Others were not so lucky.

One police patrolman described a call made from an emergency motorway telephone to know why he had seen no speed warning signals. "How do you expect me to drive at 10 mph in these conditions," the driver asked.

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• The wreckage of a car which finished up jammed between the crash barrier and a lorry.

SKYJACK HOSTAGES ACCUSE IRAN AS SHULTZ SEEKS ACTION

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

AMERICA'S Secretary of State yesterday spoke about "active defence" against terrorism as passengers released from the plane skyjacked to Teheran accused Iran of collusion during their six-day ordeal.

Mr. Shultz was speaking to reporters aboard a plane bringing him to London for talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

He called for a United States debate about using American power to "strike in advance against terrorists."

Such strikes might be necessary even if intelligence had not determined every possible fact about the complicity of a group in assaulting American interests.

And, echoing comments made earlier by the former Deputy Under Secretary, Mr. Lawrence Eagleburger, Mr. Shultz acknowledged that the operations he had in mind threatened injuring innocent people.

'Supplied with guns'

As he was speaking two Pakistani passengers alleged in Karachi that the Iranian authorities were directly involved in the brutal events which left two Americans dead, two Kuwaitis wounded and two other Americans tortured.

Mr. Abdul Hafiz, 50, a catering officer with Kuwait Airways, and Mr. Zahir Ahmad, 55, a businessman, said the four sky-jackers were supplied with weapons, handcuffs and rope after they forced the Kuwaiti Airlines Airbus, with 177 people aboard, to land at Teheran.

"They had nothing when they boarded the aircraft at Dubai," said Mr. Hafiz. "They had everything two days later after arrival at Mehrabad Airport in Iran."

When the four seized the plane after leaving Dubai for Karachi they were armed only with small silver-coloured pistols.

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Mr Charles Kaper (left) and Mr John Costa, the two American hostages who were beaten up by the skyjacks in the Kuwaiti airliner, leaving Teheran yesterday on their way home.

JUDGE QUILTS IN PREMIER'S TRIAL

By Our Toronto Correspondent

The trial of Mr. Richard Hatfield, 53, Premier of New Brunswick, on a charge of possessing marijuana while boarding the Queen's plane in September was adjourned yesterday until Jan 28 in Fredericton after the judge withdrew from the case.

Defence lawyers had objected to Judge James Harper's comment last week that it was "quite fair" that a harsher line should be taken "with the fellow who has all the breaks and elects on his own volition to go out and commit a crime."

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PENTAGON TOLD OF 'NUCLEAR WINTER' THREAT

By Our Toronto Correspondent

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Howe's secret meeting is Geneva pointer

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE secrecy surrounding yesterday's lengthy talks between Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, and Sir Geoffrey Howe was a strong pointer to next month's Geneva meeting between Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko being the main topic.

The meeting was held at the Foreign Secretary's official country home, Chevening, in Kent.

As Mr Shultz confirmed during a Press conference while flying to London from Washington the American position at the agenda-setting session on Jan. 7-8 remains undecided. Tactics, rather than an inter-

departmental dispute between the Pentagon and State Department are probably the reason.

Another factor may be that the Americans want to hear what Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet No. 2, has to say on the resumed arms control negotiations in his talks early next week with Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey.

Make or break

The issue which could make or break the Geneva meeting at the outset is the American Strategic Defence Initiative, better known as Star Wars, which President Reagan and the Pentagon certainly back.

Tests of an advanced American anti-satellite weapon are due to begin on March 1.

But the Russians are going to Geneva with the main aim of stifling the whole Star Wars concept before nuclear weapons development is lifted into a new dimension when they are behind and which would be astronomically costly for them to follow.

If the Geneva talks do break down over Star Wars, there would be intense recriminations from the West Europeans, who want to see movement towards ending the escalation in Euro-missiles such as cruise and the Soviet SS 20.

Two things emerged yesterday from British officials and from Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Foreign Minister, who is also in London.

Publicly at least, the Nato allies have decided that Star Wars and the agenda for the Geneva talks is a matter for superpower negotiation.

Wrong signals

They have also agreed on the importance of not sending the wrong signals to the Kremlin, whether via Mr Gorbachev or some other means.

They will avoid encouraging the Russians to think that they will get any concessions before it is agreed that talks on the whole broad front of nuclear arms control will go ahead following the agenda-setting session in Geneva.

That means, for instance, that stopping the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II will not be acceptable as a condition for talks, although it will be up for negotiation once they start.

It may mean, too, that the Americans will not be in a rush to announce that they are holding back from testing anti-missile weapons or putting Star Wars into cold storage.

There, and the other allies, are well aware that the Russians have agreed to come to Geneva after failing to stop cruise deployment and despite American warnings on the placing of Star Wars on the agenda.

Other issues were probably discussed including counter-terrorism. But, unusually officials refused to list the topics in advance and said there would be no summary when they finished.

LISBON LEADERS END BICKERING

By Our Lisbon Correspondent

After weeks of bickering, Portugal's 18-month-old coalition government patched up its differences yesterday, averting an imminent collapse of the coalition. The truce should keep the government on its feet at least until the Summer.

The coalition must now tackle crucial public sector reforms to reduce the financial drain on the Treasury and also introduce measures to modernise the economy before Portugal's scheduled EEC entry in 1986.

PEKING STEPS OUT

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Public dance parties featuring jitterbugging, jiving, the waltz, foxtrot and tango, banned during the Maoist Cultural Revolution, have been officially approved in Peking as a way for young people to meet.

Ethiopia rebukes West for slow aid assistance

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

WESTERN governments sending food to Ethiopia were rebuked by its Marxist government yesterday for not responding sooner and not offering long-term development assistance.

The criticisms were made at a conference of donors called by the government in Addis Ababa.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 19 governments, the EEC and more than 30 voluntary relief agencies.

Envoys annoyed

A leading member of the Ethiopian Politburo, Mr Berhannu Bayih, blamed the present famine and Ethiopian inability to feed itself on lack of development aid.

Then the nation's famine relief commissioner, Major Dawit Wolde-Giorgis, upbraided the international donors for not heeding Ethiopian warnings early this year that a massive inflow of grain was needed to avoid a famine.

Western critics irked some Western ambassadors present in the ballroom of the Addis Ababa Hilton.

One Western diplomat said: "The effort to portray this as something the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission knew about a long and the donors were warned about is a bunch of bull."

"At no time before the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Ethiopian revolution on Sept. 12 did the Ethiopian media make anything of the drought. All publicity was about the formation of the Ethiopian Workers' party."

The conference was called to present Ethiopia's request for some 1.5 million tons of emergency food aid for 7.7 million famine victims in 1985 and to seek international aid for agricultural rehabilitation and resettlement of 300,000 families

from drought areas in the next 12 months.

Western governments have shown reluctance to give development aid and are supplying emergency famine aid mainly through voluntary agencies.

Britain, America, Canada, Australia, Japan, France, West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, The Netherlands, Italy, India, Greece, Finland, Belgium, Austria, Argentina and Algeria were present yesterday. Missing were Russia and other Eastern Bloc nations.

Lasting solution

Mr Berhannu called for understanding by the international community of Ethiopia's determination to find a lasting solution to the problems of drought and food self-sufficiency.

Resettlement was the only way to ensure a continued survival of people from drought areas.

Major Dawit said promises of the early 1970s to give the poorest nations the means to eradicate famine within a decade has turned to ashes in Ethiopia.

He added that the donor community had now responded generously at a late stage after Ethiopia had attracted its attention through the work of film crews and journalists.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Dawit A. Korm, United States chargé d'affaires in Addis Ababa, signed an agreement for the shipment of around 40,000 tons of grain to Ethiopia. The shipment is part of the 215,000 tons promised by America in October.

Mr Korm described the agreement as "a milestone in our co-operation. He added: "I certainly hope that we can continue to develop this co-operation."

Moscow puts gloss on Stalin's victory image

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE approach of next year's 40th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany has brought forth in Russia an apparent readiness to spotlight the positive side of Stalin as a wartime leader.

His contributions as a Bolshevik revolutionary in 1917 are also increasingly acknowledged, while the dark truths of his purges, his decimation of the Russian officer corps and his fumbling in the days immediately after the German attack on Russia remain forbidden ground.

Muscovites are flocking this week to the first public screenings of a filmed biography of Marshal Zhukov, in which he is shown saying of Stalin, shortly after Khrushchev denounced Stalin in 1956: "He was a great commander. I thought that before, and I think so now..."

Such pointers are not lost on a Russian audience but no one is concluding that Stalin is about to be fully rehabilitated.

His excesses remain unforgotten and unforgiven by many in the Communist party and specially by the intelligentsia.

Soviet officials speak instead of being "realistic" in dealing with history—although this approach does not extend even to publication of Khrushchev's 1956 secret speech rejecting Stalinism.

A whole generation has grown up in Russia knowing nothing of Stalin's purges except what may have been learned by word of mouth.

Georgia hero

Yet, while Stalin's name was hardly mentioned at all for many years, it is now occasionally seen in books or articles discussing aspects of his life which are no longer considered taboo.

Several recent treatments of the 1917 Revolution have paid tribute to Stalin's decisive role. The Sovetskaya Rossiya newspaper recently named Stalin among a group of revolutionary heroes whom it said were sustained by Lenin's ideals.

Favourable references even go beyond Stalin's immediate revolutionary or military leadership to include a recent discussion of his wartime economic policies in the party theoretical journal Komsomol.

Most Western observers believe a pragmatic decision to recognise the positive aspects of Stalin's achievements was forced on the Kremlin leadership by the coming of the 1985 commemoration of the 1945 victory, in which it would have been embarrassing to go on ignoring him.

Stalin, who died in 1953, remains a nationalist symbol and hero in his native Georgia, and Georgians in Moscow and other parts of the Soviet Union often display his picture in their homes or working places.

PREMIER'S ACCIDENT

Iceland's Prime Minister, Mr Hermannsson, 54, an amateur carpenter, lost two fingers in an accident with an electric saw but Reykjavik surgeons have managed to re-attach all but the tip of one of them.

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165 SHIPS FREED

By Our Toronto Correspondent

A jammed lift bridge, which trapped 165 ships in the St Lawrence Seaway for up to 20 days, is now open and 30 owners are seeking millions of pounds in damages. The St Lawrence Seaway Authority is examining its insurance policies.

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RELAPSE RIDDLE FOR BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

HUNDREDS of patients believed to have been successfully treated in the gas-stricken city of Bhopal have suffered relapses which doctors fear could be critical.

Many of the cases are displaying new symptoms, and hospital doctors say the percentage of relapses could be as high as 75 per cent. of patients treated, cured and released last week.

Many who already have lung oedema and now feared to have developed perforation of the membranes, which will put them on the critical list again.

Doctors at the Hamidia Hospital said last week that infection of the lungs could weaken membranes and make victims more susceptible to viral pneumonia. About 2,000 people have so far been treated.

The latest development is a given a new urgency to the search for an antidote for those poisoned by the methyl isocyanate gas which leaked from the Union Carbide plant last week, killing at least 2,250 people and affecting a further 200,000.

Runaway reaction

Specialists and drug scientists rushed to Bhopal have been joined by doctors flown in by Union Carbide, but they have so far failed to suggest a 100 per cent. successful antidote.

Union Carbide revealed on Monday that an internal safety report made two years ago on the Bhopal plant found so many lapses that inspectors predicted a "runaway reaction" similar to the leak on December 3. The report was distributed at a Press conference at the company's headquarters in Connecticut.

Most chemists and scientists have rejected the possibility of phosgene having mixed with the gas, but professors and research workers of Nagpur University strongly believe this did in fact happen.

Doctors in Bhopal are also puzzled by the disparity in the symptoms of patients who suffered only minor exposure. Reactions have been delayed and, apart from the usual eye and breathing complications, they have developed malfunctioning of the central nervous system including motor mechanism.

Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity were among the first outside voluntary workers to reach Bhopal, 360 miles south of New Delhi. The nuns are working almost round the clock at the Hamidia Hospital tending patients, particularly children and orphans.

Mother Teresa, 75, the Nobel prizewinner, yesterday met victims, talked to doctors and visited an orphanage to see children whose parents are missing after the disaster.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh and the local

administration of Bhopal have begun drawing up contingency plans to evacuate large parts of the city in an emergency.

The evacuation is being contemplated seriously, according to official sources, in the event of Government and Union Carbide scientists failing to find a "zero risk" method of destroying 30 tons of methyl isocyanate still stored in a tank at the plant.

The tank has so far remained intact under constant treatment from nitrogen. A leak from an adjacent tank containing 40 tons led to last week's tragedy.

Scientists led by the Director-General of Scientific and Industrial Research, together with technicians from Union Carbide and the World Health Organisation, have still not found an absolutely safe method.

They noted that only possibly two tons of the 40 tons had leaked, causing the world's worst gas disaster.

Working with them is Mr Warren Woerner, one of the Union Carbide technical experts who helped design and set up the plant.

Doctors walk-out

The other alternatives being considered were either to resume production of insecticides until the methyl isocyanate was used up, or to ship it to the United States. Both options would take at least a fortnight.

Mr Arjan Singh, the Chief Minister, conscious of the possible reaction to the factory being reopened immediately, ruled out the question of conversion of the gas into the end-product.

Bhopal has a population of nearly a million. The gas disaster affected the thickly-populated Casbah area with a population of nearly 250,000.

As officials worked on the contingency plans for an evacuation, to allow the gas to be defused and released into the atmosphere, the local administration began commandeering large numbers of buses, lorries and other vehicles.

Officials said at least three days' warning of the evacuation would be given.

The main Bhopal hospital treating victims was virtually paralysed by a walk-out by 700 junior doctors and interns yesterday.

The walk-out happened after a Bhopal city councillor allegedly assaulted a senior doctor at the Hamidia Hospital for discharging a gas-stricken patient.

Astiz arrest worries other officials

By CRISTINA BONASEGNA in Buenos Aires

THE arrest of the Argentine Navy captain Alfredo Astiz, concerning the disappearance of a Swedish girl in 1977, threatens to become a key issue in the thorny relations between the nation's young democracy and armed forces.

Astiz was arrested on Saturday on the orders of a federal judge investigating the disappearance of Dagnar Hagelin, 17. She was last seen alive at the Navy School of Mechanics' detention centre.

The arrest of Astiz has caused concern among middle-ranking officers within the Navy and the Army, who claim he was merely following orders in the so-called "Dirty War" during which about 10,000 people disappeared.

President Alfonsín has made a distinction between those who issued orders, those who simply obeyed them, and those who committed "excesses" during the repression.

Federal Judge Miguel Del Castillo yesterday excused Astiz, 34, from appearing in an identification parade at the request of his lawyer. But the officer was recognised from photographs.

BUS PLUNGE KILLS 9

By Our Belgrade Correspondent

At least nine people were killed and 19 injured when a bus plunged off a road into a 600 foot ravine, 30 miles south of Belgrade, Yugoslav police said yesterday.

Hawke reshuffles Cabinet as Left applies pressure

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

MR HAWKE, the Australian Prime Minister, caused a political surprise yesterday when he announced his new Cabinet. Of the 27 members, only nine remain unaffected by a major reshuffle.

But no new blood has been introduced as a result of factional deals within the Labour party.

Mr Gareth Evans, the controversial Attorney-General, has been demoted to the junior portfolio of Energy and Resources.

He is replaced by Mr Lionel Bowen, Deputy Prime Minister and formerly Minister of Trade, and an outspoken critic of the still-unpublished Bill of Rights drawn up under Mr Evans's direction and due for early submission to Parliament.

Weekend deal

Mr Gordon Scholes, a former engine-driver who was perhaps the most ineffective Defence Minister since World War Two, has been dropped from the inner Cabinet. He will be Minister for the Australian Capital Territory and other territories.

He is replaced by Mr Kim Beazley, who is 35 and, like the Prime Minister, a former Rhodes Scholar.

Mr John Dawkins, the former Minister for Finance, becomes Minister of Trade, and Mr Peter

Walsh, who formerly held the Resources and Energy portfolio, takes over Finance.

The inner Cabinet has been enlarged from 15 to 17, making room for Mr Brian Howe, a member of the Socialist Left whose old portfolio of Defence Support has been scrapped.

He will now be one of two Ministers responsible for Social Security. His elevation to Cabinet rank is a result of a deal arranged between Left and Right factions of the Labour party at the weekend, giving the Socialist Left two of the 17 Cabinet seats.

Although two seats in the House of Representatives are still in doubt, and the result of several Senate seats may not be known before Christmas, Mr Hawke is likely to have a majority of about 15 seats in the House of Representatives, far fewer than he expected but more than enough for comfort.

If the caucus meeting which preceded the announcement of the new Cabinet is any indication, Mr Hawke's principal cause for discomfort may come from within the party.

The Left was especially critical of the election performance and let it be known it would want much greater emphasis on social reform and disarmament in the new Parliament.

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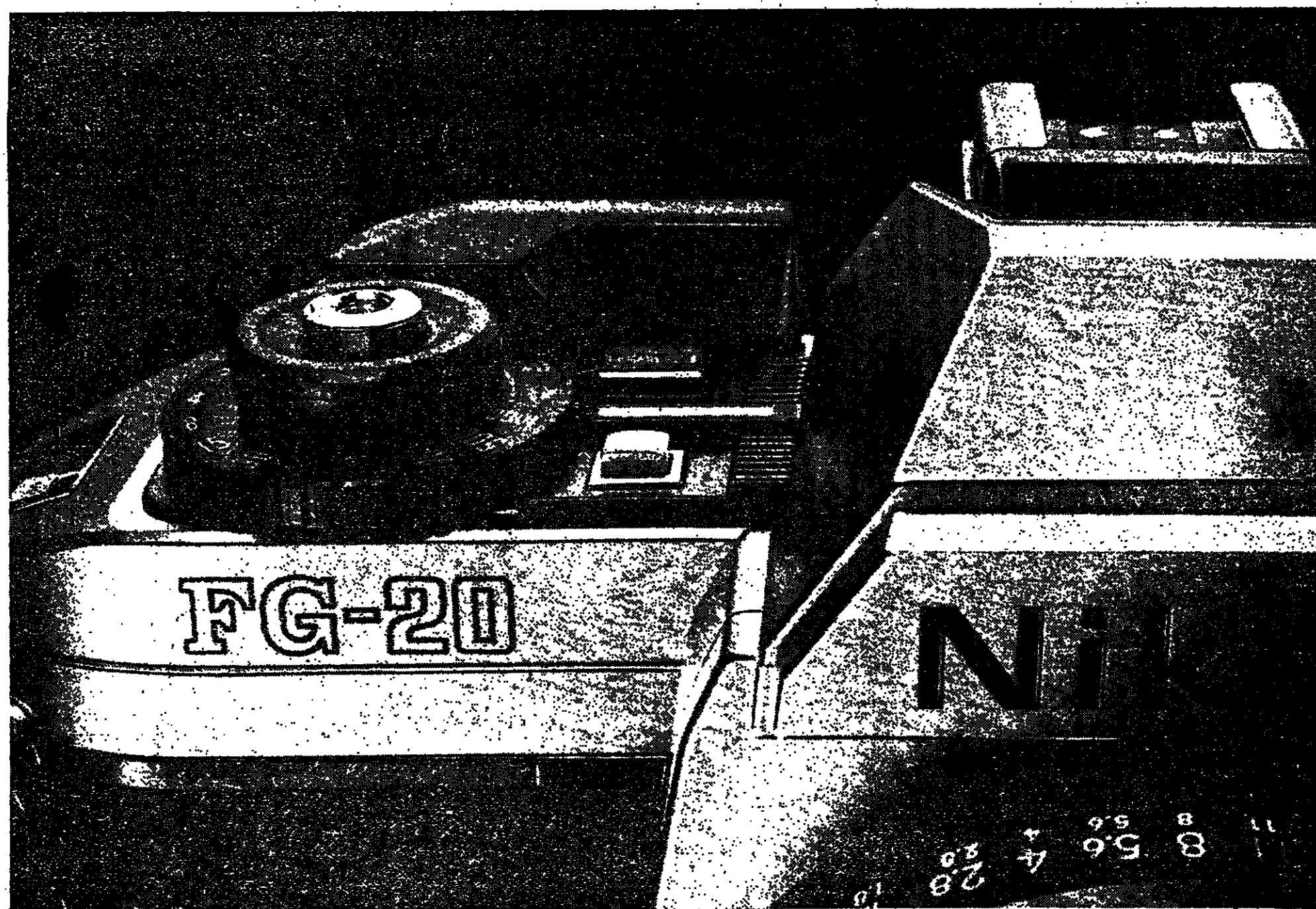
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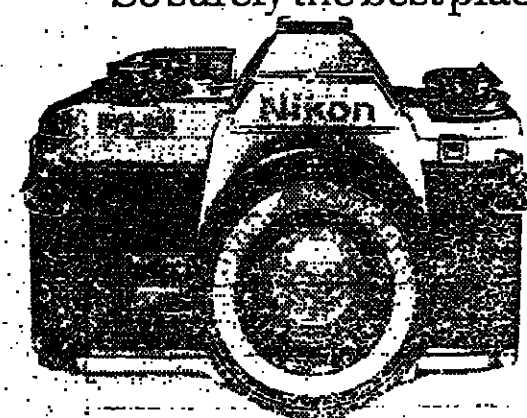
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Union Carbide fights to stem shares slide

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

THE future of Union Carbide, the world's seventh biggest chemical corporation, remained uncertain yesterday as the company embarked on a strategy of damage control to boost investor confidence and limit stock-market losses.

Almost \$1 billion (£851 million) has been wiped off the company's market value since the tragedy at Bhopal last week.

Yesterday Union Carbide sought to stem safety worries about its American operation by inviting reporters to tour its pesticide plant at Institute, West Virginia, almost identical to the Indian operation.

But shares continued to fall on the New York Stock Exchange and some analysts speculated that the company, which produces consumer items like batteries and Simoni car-care products, may never regain the ground it is losing.

Yesterday's tour of the methyl-isocyanate plant at Institute came shortly after the company released a 1982 survey showing that the Bhopal plant had suffered from severe safety and equipment problems in the past.

While most of the problems cited in the survey were said to have been rectified before last week's tragedy, there were doubts over the status of a faulty valve designed to prevent a "runaway reaction" of toxic methyl-isocyanate gas.

Potential leaks

Reports provided by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary said that last June the Bhopal plant was still waiting for a replacement control valve to be delivered. There was no indication of whether it actually arrived.

Among failings that inspectors found at the Bhopal plant in May, 1982, were potential leakage of poison gas from storage tanks and the possibility of dust explosions in the production system.

Union Carbide was told by its Indian subsidiary that these problems were corrected. The company, clearly stung by criticism that it has not been forthcoming in providing information about the disaster means provided reporters with full documentation of the safety studies.

Meanwhile on the financial front, analysts are continuing to debate what the disaster means for Union Carbide's financial health. Some believe the company's \$200 million (£166 million)

insurance cover should take care of most of the compensation pay-outs, but others say that if the cases are heard in American courts, as many lawyers are seeking, the awards could be much higher.

Analysts also point out that Union Carbide was in no great shape before the disaster. The company, hit hard by the recession, suffered serious setbacks in its petrochemical and steel sectors.

Even before the Bhopal leak its share price was at \$48 (£40), almost \$22 (£18.30) below its value at the end of 1982.

One of its principal products is polyethylene, used in a wide range of materials from plastic bags to construction materials. But today the market is suffering from acute oversupply.

Some of Union Carbide's formerly most important customers, like Saudi Arabia, are now building their own petrochemical plants, further reducing demand for the company's products.

But Union Carbide seems to have successfully headed off early speculation that it might have to seek protection under American bankruptcy laws.

Mr Warren Anderson, the company's chairman, repeated his claim at a Press conference on Monday, that Union Carbide will be able to withstand whatever damage payments are necessary.

SUPREME COURT MOVE

U.S. lawyers seek in

On New Delhi Correspondent writes: The Supreme Court, India's highest tribunal of judicial appeal, yesterday issued notices to the Government of India in New Delhi, the administration of Madhya Pradesh State and Union Carbide to show why they should not be made to pay about \$1,000 compensation to every victim of the Bhopal gas disaster.

The notice was issued by a three-judge Bench of the Court who heard a petition by Mr M. A. Krishna Murthy, a Delhi advocate, Mr Justice Y. V. Chandrachud, the Chief Justice of India, presided.

At least two other suits have been filed in the civil courts of Bhopal by teams of American lawyers who have flown to the city to represent survivors.

MORE AID URGED FOR CRIME VICTIMS, BUT THEFT CLAIMS RULED OUT

By **TERENCE SHAW** Legal Correspondent

IMPROVED facilities for compensating victims of crime, particularly those whose claims fall outside the £400 minimum award of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, were proposed yesterday by a committee of MPs.

In a report on compensation and support for victims of crime, the Commons Home Affairs Committee recommends those who suffer physical injuries worth less than £400 should have the right to have their claims assessed by the small claims courts and then paid from central funds.

Where the victim suffers loss or damage to his property from theft or burglary, the MPs accept that there are many on low incomes living in areas with a high incidence of crime where insurance is either prohibitive or unobtainable.

But in present economic circumstances they did not regard any scheme to compensate victims of property crime from a central fund as a "practical solution."

Instead, say the MPs, the Home Office should explore with gas and electricity boards the feasibility of entering into block insurance arrangements with their tenants and subscribers to enable modest insurance premiums to be collected with rent or quarterly accounts.

Crime victims
The committee, headed by Sir Edward Gardner, Conservative MP for Fylde, welcomes the Government's support for schemes to help victims of crime but says these services should be regarded as central rather than peripheral to the

Government's strategy against crime.

Its most urgent concern was that victim support schemes, set up in more than 200 areas to help victims of crime, were "not starved of funds by too rigid an adherence to the original principle of local rather than central financing."

The report recommends that the probation service, with suitable extra funding, should provide the necessary administrative and organisational facilities for local victim support schemes. The Home Office should consider providing funds to allow the scheme to employ full time "properly qualified coordinators."

Backlog of claims

Victims of crime should as a matter of course be given leaflets by the police describing as concisely as possible the available sources of compensation and a form for lodging a claim with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

More staff should be taken on by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to reduce the backlog of claims and the delays in dealing with them. While the committee accepted the need for a lower limit of

awards handled by the board, it believed the increase in the minimum award last year from £250 to £400 was excessive and that the £250 rather than the £400 limit should be used as the base rate for further cost of living increases.

The report points out that victims whose injuries are assessed at under £400 must rely on the discretion of the courts to award a compensation order. This was only possible if the offender was caught, convicted and solvent.

Sums awarded by the courts appeared lower than would have been approved by the board in similar circumstances and the committee wants to see guidelines laid down for the courts by the board to avoid different standards of compensation.

Courts should be given discretion to refer to the board for assessment cases of unusual complexity even where the sum involved was less than £400, the minimum award by the board.

For those with no prospect of any compensation because the injury is worth less than £400 and the assailant was either not caught or insolvent, the committee recommends a form of hardship fund.

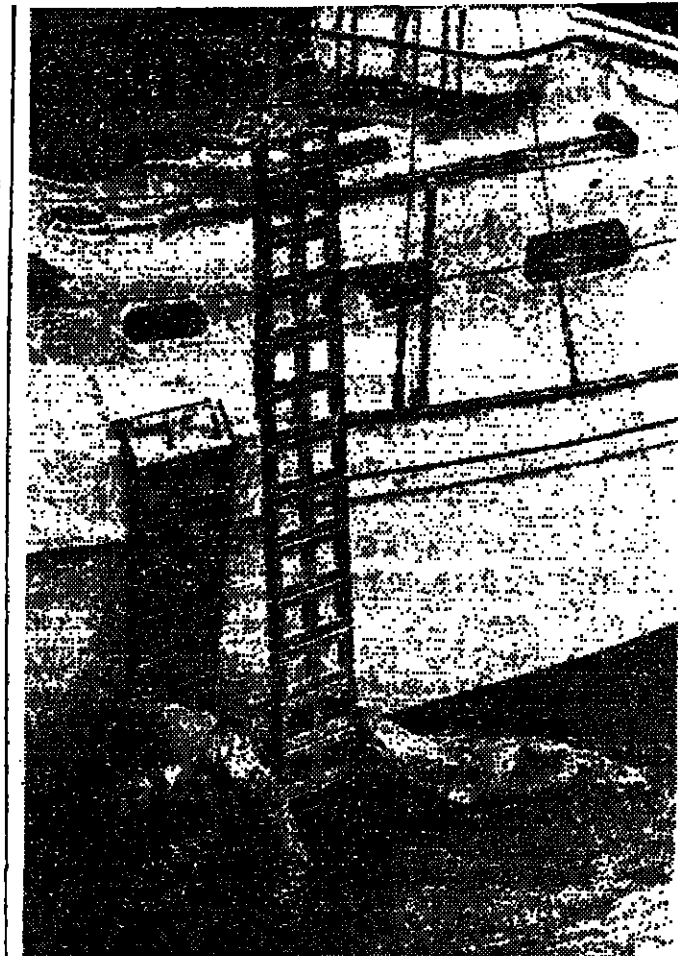
Victims should be granted the right to have their injuries assessed by registrars in the small claims court and the amount assessed should be paid from central funds.

Welcoming the report yesterday, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said the committee's proposals, if implemented, would do a great deal to counter the serious neglect of the needs of victims.

(House of Commons, First Report of Home Affairs Committee Session 1984-85, Compensation and Support for Victims of Crime, HMSO, 29-15.)

THEATRE'S LOSS

The Theatre Royal at Norwich lost more than £15,000 during the last financial year, compared with a profit the previous year of almost £30,000.



Jason's ladder, a sea rescue device for yachtsmen, being demonstrated at St Katharine's Dock, London, yesterday. The ladder forms a cradle for the victim as the free end is winched from the masthead.

Shipbuilders cut loss

By **JOHN PETTY** Shipping Correspondent

A HALF-YEAR trading loss of £7 million was reported by British Shipbuilders yesterday — with the warning that the loss for the full year ending next March was likely to be £50 million.

Last year the half-time loss was £58 million and that for the full year was £161 million. The improvement largely reflects the sale to private enter-

prise of some lossmakers, particularly in ship repairing, and reduced "levels of activity."

The corporation is anxiously awaiting placing of contracts for frigates by both the Royal Navy and Pakistan. It is also on the verge of some merchant shipbuilding contracts.

British Shipbuilders added that "the forecast excludes any effect from the settlement of the completion accounts for Scott Lithgow which was sold to Trafalgar House earlier this year."

TWO FINED FOR RACE CHANTS

TWO Chelsea supporters were fined under the 1956 Public Order Act yesterday for singing anti-Semitic football songs on the terraces.

The arrests followed complaints by other Chelsea supporters about "certain songs which people considered to be of an offensive nature."

Mr Ken Bates, Chelsea chairman, published a warning in the club's programme under the heading "Yids, Wogs and Niggers" that fans would be liable to arrest for singing songs with racial overtones.

The statement declared that the club would support any action taken against offenders, and pointed out that a large proportion of Chelsea supporters were Jewish, as well as some club staff, directors and three vice-presidents.

Insulting words

In the court case, PC TERRY MARTER told Horseferry Road magistrates that the two were arrested during the West Bromwich game at Stamford Bridge when they were heard singing "Spurs are on their way to Auschwitz, Hitler's going to gas them."

Edward Hulton, 25, charged with insulting words, was fined £50, and Stephen Haines, 18, packer, of Primrose Hill, Tottenham, was fined £75.

They admitted using "insulting words, whereby a breach of the peace may have been occasioned," during the match on Nov. 17.

PC MARTER said: "There have been complaints by letter to Chelsea Football Club about certain songs which have been sung, which people considered to be of an offensive nature."

In his statement, published in the Chelsea v Liverpool programme, Mr Bates described Chelsea as a "Jewish club just like Tottenham and Arsenal" with many supporters of Asian or African descent.

Southgate by-election

Foot and Rodgers miss 'High Noon' showdown in fog

By **JAMES ALLAN**

THERE was almost an old boys' reunion in the Southgate by-election yesterday between Mr Foot, former Labour party leader, and his erstwhile colleague, Mr William Rodgers, one of the "gang of four" who left the Labour camp to found the Social Democrats.

But cars laden with Christmas shoppers in busy Green Lanes, Palmers Green, and a persistent fog kept them apart.

There was no lack of communication, however, between the Alliance and the Labour camps with both hurling invective through loudhailers at each other.

The showdown came at midday but it had none of the drama of "High Noon." Bewildered shoppers watched the jostling like bemused spectators at a tennis match.

On one side of the road Mr Rodgers, on foot (his own), called out as Mr Foot (on stick) disappeared up the road into the cold morning mist: "Good-bye to the old parties."

The Labour battle bus drove by telling potential voters: "Don't vote for the party that has got no voice in Parliament. Don't vote for traitors."

Cheery salutes

But Mr Rodgers was under-terred. Walking ahead of the Alliance's Liberal candidate, Mr Timothy Slack, 56, he greeted the people of Palmers Green with cheery salutes.

"As the fog rises and the sun shines so we look forward to Thursday (polling day)," he declared. "There's Mr Slack talking to someone. He could be discussing the future of mankind rather than the price of turkeys."

And to a well-dressed woman: "Good morning madam — a nice warm coat. I could do with it to keep me warm."

There was a political message for the wavering voter threatening their way through the traffic of Green Lanes: "That's it, look left and right before making up your mind."

Mr Foot, meanwhile, wearing a green duffle coat and carrying a satchel, was walking up Green Lanes where he stopped outside the Job Centre and peered intently into the window. There were vacancies for "Trainee Dental Nurse" and "Warehouse Person" but surprisingly none for "ex-party leaders."

Different predictions
Polling day is tomorrow with the three main contestants producing totally different predictions of the outcome, all based on their own canvass returns.

The Liberals put the Conservatives ahead with themselves catching up fast, while Mr Michael Portillo, 51, the Conservative candidate, is predicting a substantial win for his party in the by-election, caused by the death of Sir Anthony Berry in the Brighton bombing.

Sir Anthony, who had a 15,819 majority at the General Election, was the constituency's Conservative MP for 20 years.

His heir-apparent, Mr Portillo, has been at one with his Labour rival, Mr Peter Hamid, 52, in condemning the Liberals for putting out a four-page newsheet which they say looks like a local newspaper.

The contents make it clear it supports the Liberal candidate, but there is nothing to say it is published by the Liberal party. In fact, it says it is published by Bill MacCormick, who is the Liberal agent.

But a spokesman for Enfield Borough Council said yesterday that under the Representation of the People's Act, election literature need only carry the name and address of the printer and publisher, which it does.

"If any of the other parties would like to take the matter up we would have to deal with it after the election," he added.

Possession, not supply
In 1973 he was deported from Germany after a conviction in Munich for possessing LSD and cannabis.

In 1974, he was sentenced to four months in Northern Ireland for possessing the same two drugs.

In 1977 he got six months, suspended, at Inner London Crown Court for the same offence.

Det. Insp. Collins agreed with Mr DANIEL WORSLEY, defending, that all the offences had been for possession, not supplying.

The prosecution alleges that South African born Catherwood, an I.L.E.A. supply teacher, set himself up as a drugs dealer to youngsters at his home in Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich.

Last June one client is said to have passed on 150 tablets to 16-year-old Lee Sawyer, who fell to his death next day from high-rise flats.

Catherwood, 39, denies seven charges, including supplying LSD, cocaine and cannabis. He admits three charges of unlawfully possessing cannabis and LSD, and supplying cannabis.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

McGLINCHEY TRIAL TOLD OF 'IRA RAID'

By **KENNETH CLARKE** in Belfast

DOMINIC MCGLINCHY, the only man to be extradited to Northern Ireland from the Republic for an alleged terrorist offence, took part in a Provisional IRA attack seven years ago, in which a 65-year-old woman was shot dead, it was alleged in Belfast yesterday.

First a lorry and then a house in Co Antrim were raked with at least 51 bullets, including some from a high-velocity rifle, said the prosecution.

Mr RONALD APPLETON, Q.C. for the Crown, said: "This attack had all the hallmarks of being a terrorist attack, having regard to the number of weapons used and the planning involved."

He said the evidence would show that it was the work of an IRA active service unit of at least four men.

In police service
McGlinchey, 30, from Bellaghey, Co Londonderry, pleads not guilty to murdering Mrs Hester McMullan, of Toomebridge, Co Antrim, who was hit by a high-velocity bullet during the attack in March, 1977.

Mr Appleton said the judge, Mr Justice HURRO, would hear that one member of the McMullan family was a reserve police officer and another, a woman, worked for the police authority.

"The Crown say the events of that morning, the circumstances of the attack and the conduct of the assailants established beyond doubt the intention of those involved was to kill a member of the McMullan family."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

NAVY OFFICER CLEARED OVER SHIP COLLISION

A naval officer convicted of negligence after a collision between his cruiser and a German vessel was cleared by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lt-Comdr Timothy Harvard Yates-Johnson, a 41-year-old officer of the Fearless, 12,100 tons, at the time of the collision off Portland in September, 1983, had his conviction quashed and sentence set aside. He had been reprimanded after his conviction by court martial on Feb. 22.

Lord Justice May, sitting in the Courts Martial Appeal Court with Mr Justice Sheen and Mr Justice McCowan, ruled that the officer's acquittal on three specific heads of negligence but conviction of one alleged offence under a general head was "wholly inconsistent and wholly unsatisfactory."

Teacher has string of drug convictions

By **GUY RAIS**

THE London teacher accused of supplying drugs, including LSD which eventually led to the death of an hallucinating boy, has drug convictions going back to 1970, his trial was told yesterday.

RICHARD CATHERWOOD'S record was read out by Det. Insp. GRAHAM COLLINS at the request of the defence at Inner London Crown Court.

In 1970 he was fined £25 in the West End for possessing cannabis.

In 1971 he was sentenced to 18 months and deportation by an Israeli court for possessing a kilo of cannabis.

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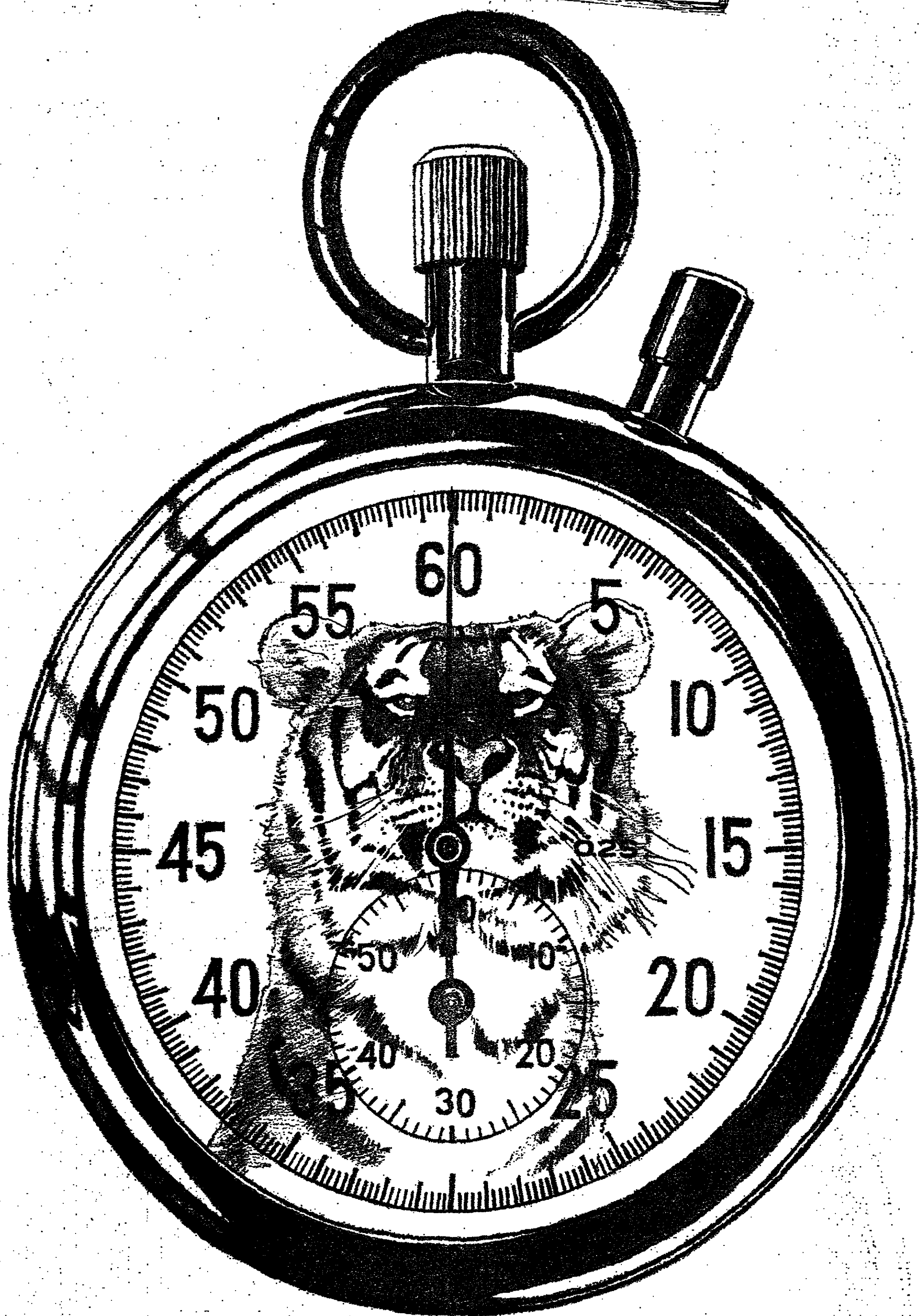
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Yesterday in Parliament

HAVERS DENIES No. 10 HAND IN COSTS DECISION

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS, Attorney-General, was accused by Labour MPs in the Commons yesterday of having "tarnished his high office" by becoming directly involved in the miners' dispute.

During angry exchanges they claimed that the Prime Minister was behind Sir Michael's decision to meet the costs of the accountants appointed by the High Court to sequester the NUM's assets if it became necessary.

Sir Michael insisted that the initiative to indemnify Price Waterhouse, the accountants, was his, because of his public duty to see that the orders of the court were not frustrated.

But he agreed that he had consulted other Ministers before the indemnity was authorised.

The initiative had started after the difficulties of the accountants had been put before him, and "nothing had come from No. 10," he said.

After that, he had consulted "certain colleagues," but Sir Michael was not prepared to say who they were, other than a Treasury Minister required to authorise the public expenditure if it was incurred.

'Unique case'

Labour MPs repeatedly shouted "resign" as Sir Michael sought to reply to claims that his action was unprecedented by stating that it was a unique case for a court to be faced with £8 million having been "squirrelled" out of the country to avoid a £200,000 fine for contempt.

He was also questioned about a statement by Price Waterhouse that they had not asked for the indemnity.

Sir Michael replied that he had realised that there was a risk that the accountants could not go on with the sequestration.

Declaring that it was not right that a commercial firm should have to risk their funds in this way, he said: "I spoke to them after I had got the authority for the indemnity."

"It was told they had set a limit beyond which they would not go."

Turning on his critics, Sir Michael attacked Labour MPs for not saying "one simple word" in support of the orders



Sir MICHAEL HAVERS: No alternative but to give assistance.

had no funds to meet the increasing costs.

As the guardian of the public interest I had no alternative but to give assistance."

Mr JIM WALLACE (Lib., Orkney and Shetland) said: "There is a fine dividing line between the province of the executive and by such a blatant political act you have overstepped the line."

Sir MICHAEL replied: "It seems to me so simple, that an order of the High Court should be enforced. I as guardian of the public interest was the only person who could do it."

Repeatedly questioned about the source of his authority for giving the indemnity, he said finally: "Every Minister has the power to give indemnity in the right circumstances."

This was so, as long as it was put before the House at an appropriate time, as this one had been.

Mr ROY MASON (Lab., Barnsley Central) said the Government was directly participating in the strike by trying financially to cripple the union. "It is an act without parallel" and it should be stopped.

Mr IVAN LAWRENCE (C., Burton) told Sir Michael: "The country will be behind you in your taking seriously your duty to uphold the law."

Hailsham commends 'proper' act

By Our Parliamentary Staff

WHEN Sir Michael Havers's decision to underwrite the sequestrators' costs in the NUM case was discussed in the Lords yesterday Lord HAILSHAM, Lord Chancellor, said he thought Sir Michael had acted "perfectly properly and intelligently."

He said proceedings in Dublin were before the equivalent of our High Court and that court gave an interlocutory injunction freezing the assets of the miners' union in Dublin.

The plaintiff in Dublin was the sequestrators who were required to give an undertaking that right would be done in the end. A bond had been demanded and the sequestrators asked

the English court where it was to come from.

At that stage, when they were told there were no funds, the Attorney-General offered an indemnity.

"I am thinking he acted perfectly properly and intelligently," His offer was volunteered because it was necessary to offer a bond equivalent to support an indemnity for damages in the Dublin Court which continued the injunction on that basis.

What was unprecedented was that in order to defeat the order of the court a person in contempt had been wicked enough or foolish enough to remove assets abroad.

"As there was no precedent for that action there is no precedent for the riposte," he said. He hoped that when the funds

Sunday shops law 'must be obeyed'

THE law on Sunday trading "must be obeyed," Mrs THATCHER insisted in the Commons yesterday.

She endorsed the view of Mrs ANGELA RUMBOLD (C., Mitcham and Morden) that the large High Street stores which opened last Sunday "should be roundly condemned."

The PRIME MINISTER said at Question Time: "The law must be obeyed until it is changed by Parliament."

Opposition claims

Her denunciation of illegal Sunday trading follows Monday's claims in the Commons by the Shadow Home Secretary, Mr Gerald Kaufman, that there appeared to be "one law for the miners and another for the merchants."

Mr Kaufman had criticised Mrs Thatcher for failing to issue an immediate condemnation when Hauls, Habitat and other stores opened for business on Sunday.

SOVIET MISSILES REDEPLOYED

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Since the Soviet Union broke off the Intermediate Nuclear Forces negotiations in November last year it had redeployed about 50 short-range mobile scaleboard missiles from Soviet territory to bases in East Germany and Czechoslovakia. Lord TREGARNE, Armed Forces Under-Secretary, said in a written Lords answer yesterday.

It also increased the deployment of ballistic missile-carrying submarines off the United States coasts.

are ultimately acquired there would be no liability on the Government.

Lord ELWYN-JONES (Lab.), the former Lord Chancellor, had queried whether there was a precedent for the Government intervention and if similar financial help would be given should future contempt proceedings arise.

He added: "This surely adds a new dimension if not a new terror to contempt proceedings which are already subject to a great deal of criticism for their very nature and embrace."

Lord WIGODER (Lib.), while voicing anxiety about "the course on which the Government has embarked" said none of the Alliance peers offered the slightest support for the criminal antics of Mr Scargill.

DOUBT ON EEC CASH CURB RULE

By WILLIAM WESKES
Parliamentary Staff

THE agreement on budgetary discipline reached by EEC leaders provided effective and appropriate ways of controlling Community spending. Mr RIFKIND, Foreign Office Minister of State, told the Commons yesterday.

But some of his own backbenchers expressed strong doubts, among them Mr ANTHONY MARLOW (Northampton, N.) who said that in legal terms the proposals would hold as much water as a leaky sieve.

Opening a debate on the Common Market budgets, Mr Rifkind responded to criticism that the proposals would not be legally enforceable because of the absence of any Community regulation.

He agreed that had there been a regulation or treaty amendment there could be no question but that these rules on budgetary discipline were completely enforceable.

"Whether they are legally enforceable is a matter which in the last resort, can be determined only by the European Court. But we believe they are binding conclusions, and the heads of Government believe they are binding."

Political will

Mr NICHOLAS BUDGEN (C., Wolverhampton W.) wondered why, if all the other countries had the political will to curb excessive spending on agriculture, they did not agree to a regulation.

Mr RIFKIND said he had no doubt that the attraction of budgetary discipline had been received with varying degrees of enthusiasm in member countries.

But only two countries entered reservations in which they did not consider the conclusions by the Council of Ministers to be binding on the council as a whole.

The objective of the United Kingdom had always been to ensure that Community spending was dealt with on more or less the same basis as national spending, he said.

Britain had never sought to suggest that there had to be an absolute straitjacket round expenditure. But only that Community spending ought to be dealt with according to rules no national government would consider appropriate for itself.

DEADLINE FOR POST

The Post Office said yesterday that Friday is the last recommended day for sending Christmas greetings to members of the armed forces in the South Atlantic and Northern Ireland through the special free airmail service.

Peers puzzle over hanging bombers for treason

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

THE question of whether the Brighton bombers could be hanged for high treason went unanswered in an interchange in the Lords yesterday.

Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, was asked by the Earl of Onslow (C.) whether the Treason Acts remained in force.

Lord HAILSHAM raised laughter by reminding peers that "one of the types of conduct" which constituted treason was killing the Lord Chancellor.

He added that a number of Treason Acts, including the 1351 Act, were still in force.

The criteria for a prosecution under them was the same as for any other offence. It was the likelihood on the available evidence of securing a conviction and the general interest of the public.

Lord ONSLOW asked if attempting to blow up the Government was high treason or if it could be charged as high treason. "If so, does capital punishment still apply?"

Levying war

Voicing his personal disagreement with capital punishment he asked if it would not be right to repeal the law so that capital punishment would not apply to high treason.

To have a law like that on the Statute Book when the crime seemed to be committed frequently was not a satisfactory state of affairs.

Lord HAILSHAM said that whether trying to blow up the Government was treason would, he supposed, be a question for a jury, properly directed, to decide.

Treason was levying war against Her Majesty within her realm or, alternatively, counselling the death of the sovereign, punishment under the 1351 Act as amended was death by hanging.

Repeal of law would be a subject for the Home Secretary to consider. He added that the Law Commission was considering the question of public order offences which supposedly includes treason.

He understood they had hit several major snags and it was not known when they were likely to report.

Planted a bomb

Lord DENNING, former Master of the Rolls, queried whether the cross-benches whether

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CRUCIAL ROLE FOR UNION

By NICHOLAS COMFORT
Political Staff

LABOUR'S National Executive is to meet today to fix a timetable for appointing a new party general secretary to succeed Mr James Mortimer, amid signs that the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union may play the crucial role in the choice.

Led by Mr David Basnett, the union, the third largest, not only has the loyalty of Mr Allan Hadden, party chairman, and Mr Neville Hough, his deputy, but could launch the campaign of any three of the favourites for the post.

Mr Mortimer intends to retire next May at the latest. While the competition to succeed him will be intense, whoever the union decides to nominate will be seen widely as the "man to beat."

The union would instinctively promote Mr Alex Ferry, 55, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, who was among the candidates defeated by Mr Mortimer in 1982.

Solidarity campaign

But it is not certain that Mr Ferry will want to make a second attempt for the job. The Right of the party would like the General and Municipal Union to nominate Mr David Warburton, national officer for the chemical industry and unofficial organiser of the Labour solidarity campaign.

The union's third potential candidate, Mr Larry Whitty, is seen by some executive and Shadow Cabinet members as the favourite.

He is the headquarters official of the union dealing with legal affairs and health and safety.

Other potential candidates are Mr John Garrett, 55, a management consultant and former MP for Norwich South and Mrs Helen Liddell, 55, Labour's Scottish regional organiser.

Mr George Wright, secretary of the Wales TUC, is another possible candidate together with Mr Alan Thomas, founder of a computer business, who is advising Labour on computerising its headquarters and organisation.

BOBBY WARMERS:

Batepayers are to fork out £10,000 on thermal underwear for police officers on picket duty. Wiltshire County Council's police authority decided to allocate £20 to all the officers involved in policing the pits to alleviate "extreme suffering" during the winter.

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So what's new about the 1985 Sierra?

Once again Ford is giving you more.

You might have spotted the first change already. The new styling. The car featured here is not a Ghia as you might suppose. It's a GL.

But, as you can see, it has a handsome new front end very similar to the Ghia's. The L receives the same treatment.

There are many developments under the bonnet too.

All Sierra 1.6 models now have the advanced E-max engine as standard. With the five-speed gearbox it does over 50 mpg at 56 mph†

But, unlike some engines that are specially designed to save fuel, this one has not been de-tuned. It still has a maximum speed of over 100 mph*.

There's a much refined 2.0 litre engine as well. By modifying the design of the cylinder block we have made it smoother and quieter than ever.

New pistons reduce internal friction. And there's a new electronic engine management system which, amongst other things, cuts off the fuel supply completely when you decelerate.

This new 2.0 litre has a maximum speed of 116 mph* and does 48.7 mpg at 56 mph†

Finally, we've just introduced another new engine. The 1.8. This will be especially welcome if you drive a company car. Because it gives you more performance than a 1.6 but costs you less in tax than a 2.0 litre.

We've also made the five-speed gearbox standard in the Sierra 1.6 GL as well as all 1.8 and 2.0 litre models.

And there's an advanced new four-speed

automatic for 2.0 litre models. The fourth gear is an overdrive which makes the automatic almost as economical as a five-speed manual.

You will find many more detail improvements to the Sierra range – new wheel covers, new instruments and new trim.

Even the XR4i gets new standard features. A sunroof, central locking, electric windows and tinted glass.

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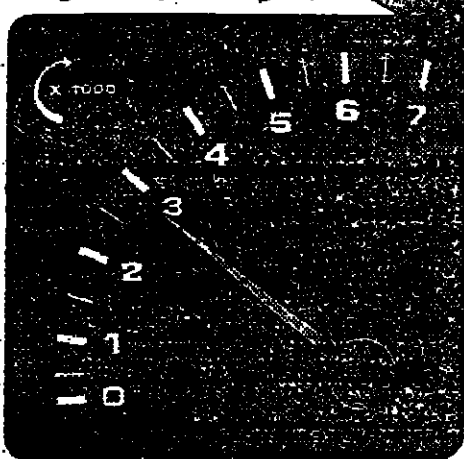
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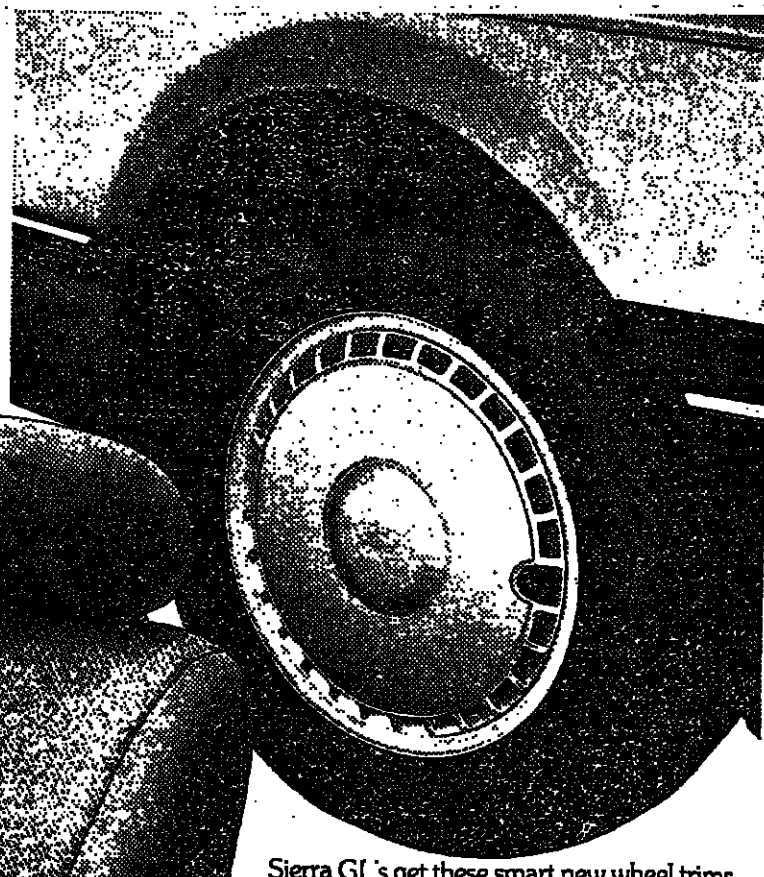
Sierra L and GL petrol models receive this smooth new front end with wider headlamp glasses. Both models have single headlamps.

We've added a rev counter to the petrol-engined GL. You'll be surprised to see how slowly the 2.0 litre engine is turning as you cruise along at 70 mph in 5th gear.

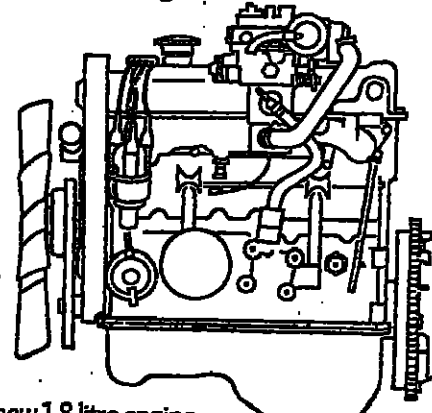


Both the L and GL get new cloth trim. We've also redesigned the adjustable front seat head-restraints so that the back seat passengers have a better view forward. Nicer for all the family.

The five-speed gearbox is now standard on all 2.0 litre and 1.8 litre models. And on the 1.6 GL and 2.3 Diesel. There's also a new 4-speed automatic for 2.0 litre Sierras.



Sierra GL's get these smart new wheel trims.



The new 1.8 litre engine develops 90 P.S. It features electronic spark control and Ford's latest 'lean-burn' cylinder head design which means simply that it breathes in more air and less fuel.

†Performance and Government fuel economy figures – mpg (litres/100 km):

Sierra models	56 mph (90 km/h)	75 mph (120 km/h)	Urban Cycle	Max speed* (mph)
1.6 5-speed	51.4 (5.5)	39.8 (7.1)	31.7 (8.9)	103
1.8 5-speed	47.1 (6.0)	37.2 (7.6)	31.4 (9.0)	110
2.0 5-speed	48.7 (5.8)	38.2 (7.4)	27.4 (10.3)	116
2.0 4-speed Auto	46.3 (6.1)	36.7 (7.7)	26.6 (10.6)	114

*Ford computed figures.

The car shown opposite is a Sierra GL.

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EVELYN LAYE, BRINGING THAT OLD MAGIC TO THE PANTO

BY CAROLYN SLOAN



Picture by SRDJA DJUKANOVIC

EVELYN LAYE in the Eighties: rehearsals for "Babes in the Wood," this year at Chichester. With her: back row, Anthony Hampton (left) and Greg Saunders; front, Lara Mustafa (left) and Claire Fox.

STYLE is something actress Evelyn Laye has on and off stage. She rinses her handkerchiefs in rice-water, "never starch," to make them crisp. And she wanted to be interviewed over tea at the Ritz. "I like occasions, don't you?" she said disarmingly.

She reminisced happily, did a hilarious but affectionate impersonation of Nellie Wallace and then talked about "Babes in the Wood," her first pantomime for more years than she can remember. It opens at the Chichester Festival Theatre on Friday with Miss Laye as the Fairy Queen.

She had been up at 7.15 a.m. that morning to get ready to rehearse in a Y.W.C.A. hall with the Bad Robber, Spike Milligan. People today, she has noticed, wear anything for rehearsals.

"Mr. Cochran would not approve! We 'Young Ladies' always arrived at the stage door correctly dressed, with hats and gloves, and then changed into our practice clothes."

Nor does she intend to be thrown by the predictably unpredictable Mr. Milligan. "I love working with comics," she said, chuckling ominously, "and I can gag back—I've had to."

Pantomimes with The Crazy Gang gave her

plenty of practice. "They used to back the horses' bottoms up against the 'kitchen window' when I was doing my solo. But I got my own back."

On the last night she appeared in their throwing-buckets-of-water routine, and the water was freezing cold.

Although Miss Laye swears she will spend Christmas—her one day off—in bed with a half-bottle of champagne, she loves the family atmosphere of pantomime. Her own mother, Evelyn Stuart, was the principal boy of her day—she played pantomime at Christmas, 1899—and the young Evelyn was born the following July.

At 17 Miss Laye was principal girl at Portsmouth, by 19 she was a Gaiety leading lady, and in the Twenties she became the golden girl of London and Broadway, consolidating a string of successes with "Madame Pompadour" in London and "Bitter Sweet" in America. She was treated like royalty; it was orchids-and-champagne time, with millionaires admiring and an exotic lifestyle.

In London people queued up to 26 hours to see her on stage. Her theatre dressing room had a coal fire, grand piano, dining



EVELYN LAYE, Forties version, as principal boy in "Cinderella" at His Majesty's Theatre.

table and chaise-longue. She drove an early Lagonda and ordered hand-made silk lingerie.

In 1938 she revolutionised pantomime by appearing as the first masculine principal boy in "Sleeping Beauty." Doris Zinkeisen designed her costumes to disguise her feminine shape, experts devised new hairstyles and make-up, and she introduced new props, a snuff box, spy-glass and whip.

"I liked fighting," she explains, "with swords. I made it a character part, based on chaps I'd known in Hollywood. And I took mannerisms from Frank [her late husband, Frank Lawton]—he was such a fascinating man."

It was controversial, it worked and the pantomime ran till Easter. Tom Arnold took a whole train of principal boys to study the new phenomena, which has been copied ever since.

"Evelyn Laye but Boo to my friends" is how the breathless young understudy introduced herself

to the famous Gaiety girl Ruby Miller. It became a catchphrase between them and, in 1958, the title of her autobiography.

Like all good theatre stories, it has laughter and tears in abundance. The glitter of stardom is tempered with toughness, memories of haunting agents' offices for work, killing bed-bugs by gaslight in touring digs with Dottie Smith—and grim has-been years in the Fifties when she had to tour second-rate variety halls and was booed in Belfast.

Her sensational comeback in "Wedding in Paris" was greeted with happier "Boos" as loyal fans shouted her pet name. She was back to stay.

At a deceptively young 84, she is writing "a funny book about old age, with no self-pity. People today expect so much. They expect to be happy, but happiness comes from inside. They expect to be made successful, but you must make success for yourself. I'm a lucky woman. I'm rich in the right way."

In 1929, an Irish-born policeman stopped the New York traffic for her. Today she can command the only free taxi in the Piccadilly rush hour. The driver grins broadly. "How are you feeling, Miss Laye?"

"Wicked," she said, wickedly. As she says so well in her famous recording: "They don't make 'em like that, any more."

Master of the dolls...

UNDERSTOOD that E. J. Taylor was an elderly gentleman with a penchant for making puppets. He turned out to be a young painter/sculptor/illustrator whose Christmas figures for Tiffany's, the famous New York store, are now on show at the Barbican Centre, in London.

"The store's directors have a policy of using young artists who wouldn't get a show elsewhere," he told me.

As a kid, I was fascinated by marionettes and puppets," said this shy perfectionist who has recently turned to writing and illustrating children's books to make a living.

Although he has made masks and puppets for ballets like "The Nutcracker" and Broadway shows, his work is so unusual and not immediately accessible that few but the most eccentrically discerning would want to buy it.

It may be brilliantly clever but would rarely be described as beautiful. E. J. almost accepts this.

"As my aunt said about the figures when we met again after many years, 'I know they are supposed to be good but why do you have to make them so damned ugly?' In fact E. J. gets so involved with the figures he creates they turn into people for him."

I was commissioned to write a book about doll-making and I made two rag dolls for the first chapter. Then these two personalities, Ruby Buttons and Violet Pickles, emerged.

"By bit by bit they came to life and I was looking for a place for them to live."

Thus the books emerged, one at a time, another due later in 1985. Beautifully illustrated and engagingly old-fashioned, they are selling—unlike his figures—extraordinarily well.

The two dolls live with a retired nanny called Miss Biscuit in Ivy Cottage somewhere in the country. I suppose the books are about my childhood memories. My grandparents lived in the hills in Oregon, my father was a salmon fisherman, and my mother came from a logging family. It was a childhood of fishing, woodwork and stunts. Rails—a real rural life."

His exhibition at the Barbican Centre consists of five tableaux. Each figure is incredibly detailed, the faces seeming almost real. And they might be better described as three-dimensional, dressed sculptures rather than dolls or puppets.

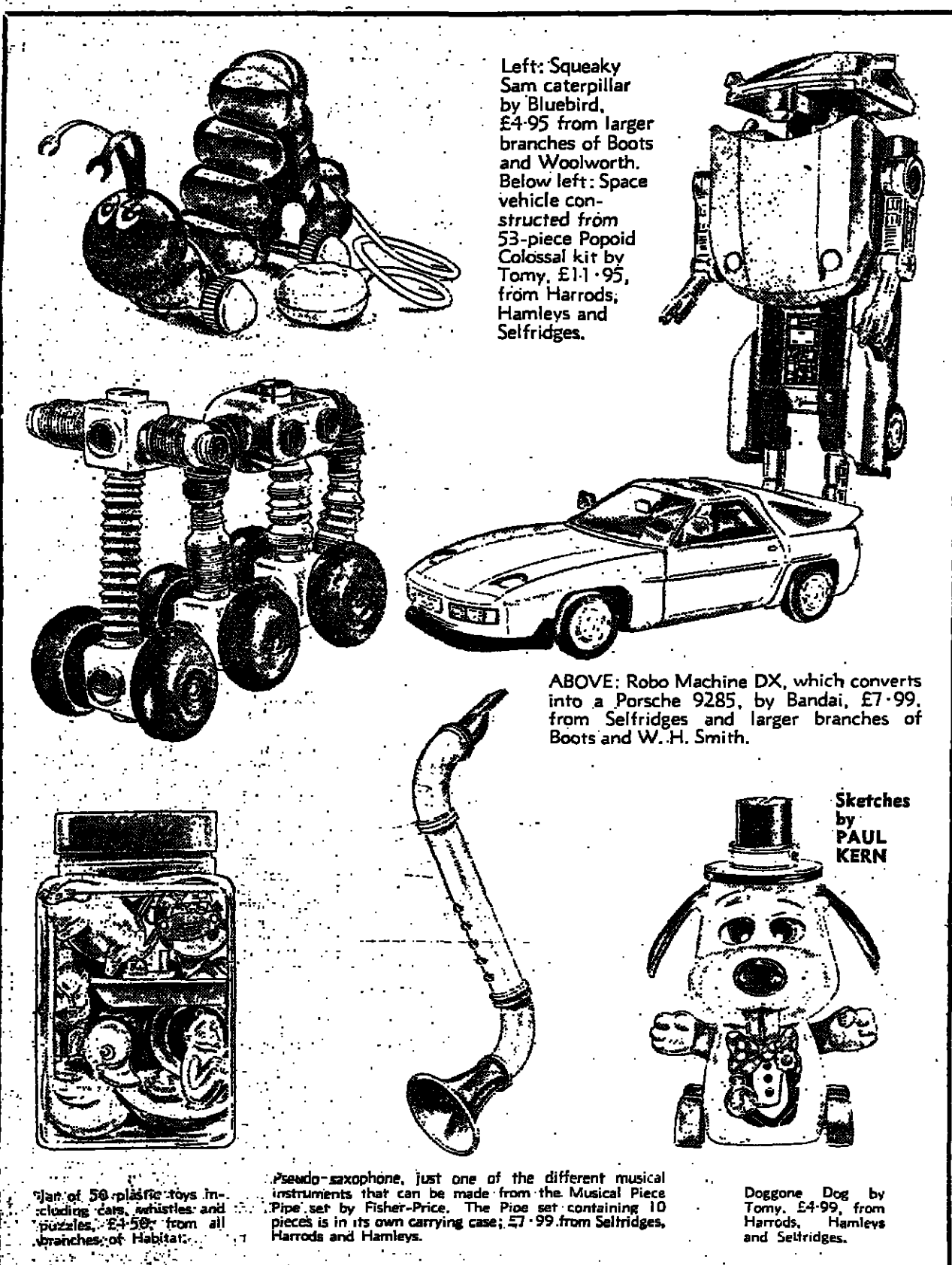
The heads and hands are fashioned from fixed clay and the figures built up from paper mache on a wire armature. "I used a vast assortment of fabrics and furs, most of which I found in second-hand or junk shops. The opposite for the hair. I had me a year to find and I had me a year to get them."

This kind of attention to detail is typical of the artist. Even the fur round St Nicholas's silk velvet coat is genuine, this time found in a New York theatre surplus.

E. J.'s art is unique, but the compelling. Visitors to the exhibition in the Concourse at the Barbican Centre until January 6 (admission free) should also find his anchoring books on sale. Published by Walker Books, they cost £4.95.

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TOYING WITH SOME GOOD IDEAS



Left: Squeaky Sam caterpillar by Bluebird, £4.95 from larger branches of Boots and Woolworth. Below left: Space vehicle constructed from 53-piece Popoid Colossal kit by Tomy, £11.95, from Harrods, Hamleys and Selfridges.

ABOVE: Robo Machine DX, which converts into a Porsche 928S, by Bandai, £7.99, from Selfridges and larger branches of Boots and W. H. Smith.

Sketches by PAUL KERN

Doggone Dog by Tomy, £4.99, from Harrods, Hamleys and Selfridges.

Pseudo-saxophone, just one of the different musical instruments that can be made from the Musical Pieces Pipe set by Fisher-Price. The Pipe set containing 10 pieces is in its own carrying case, £7.99 from Selfridges, Harrods and Hamleys.

Jan of 50 plastic toys including cars, animals and puzzles, £4.50 from all branches of Habitat.

BY PAULA DAVIES

MILLIONS of pounds worth of toys are, as usual, crowding the shelves all over the country and the choice is as always bewildering, from giant soft toys to electronic marvels with stereo sound, from delicate dolls to construction kits for monsters.

The problem for parents and friends is to choose toys that will be more than a five-minute wonder and those which, with luck or judgment, will extend the child's capacities for imagination and learning. A good toy is both fun and educational.

One of the best in the category for three- to eight-year-olds is My Talking Computer. This, de-

spite its cost of around £50, was immensely popular when it came out last year and now the company has brought out a new expansion module which is actually programmable.

While adding 16 more programmes to the 21 available, with the original unit, the new one includes music and sentence-making and even a compressed piano keyboard for the child to make up its own tunes. The new module, costing about £18, is available, as is the original machine, at many shops including Boots and W. H. Smith.

"The Good Toy Guide" (A. & C. Black, £5.95) is

always worth a browse through for any sensible toy-buyer for it helps to take the hit-and-miss element out of what to buy. Including everything from rattles to computer games and compiled jointly by Play Matters and the Toy Libraries Association, the guide recommends over 700 toys selected by thousands play-tested by children themselves.

Listed among its top ten toys is a splendidly original construction kit by Tomy called Popoid Colossal. Popping with lovely noises, the bits and pieces can be bent, expanded, contracted and turned into innumerable figures and shapes.

Equally entertaining — again in the top ten — is the Piece-Pipe by Fisher-Price. Sold in its own neat carrying case, this is a versatile musical set which can be built into three separate wind instruments or just put together in different ways to make a variety of sounds.

It certainly makes less racket than those piercing trumpet noises so favoured by children on Christmas morning.

Another of the top ten is an endearing animal called Doggone Dog. Push down the top of his head, wait and then he flaps his ears, pops out his nose

and sticks out his tongue. Tiny children literally squirm with anticipation as they wait for his antics.

Older children and even adults, according to the toy guide, can become addicted to playing with the Tomytronic Sky Attack, which won an award in the USA for the best electronic game of 1984. An even more exciting version is Tomy's Stereo Sky Fighter. The 3-D effect is enhanced by an additional screen with a landscape. The two bi-planes circle and loop each other, waiting to get on the tail of their opponent and each plane and each machine gun has its own distinctive sound. It's a toy that nobody seems able to put down and our 14-year-old tester described it as "very difficult." The price is from £20 to £27 at Boots, Woolworth and Hamleys.

Although electronic toys are still popular, there is a quiet return to imaginative die-cast models even if they end up being turned into robots. The most unusual among these are the ingeniously-made cars and trucks which can be turned into robots in seconds.

Called Robo machines and made by Bandai, they need as many as 58 different manufacturing operations to assemble them. The smaller versions are around £2, the bigger DX machines around £8 and they make splendid toys, particularly for grown-up boys.

Now that so many children are enjoying playing with home computers the selection of tapes available is growing enormously. Those which do more than offer the obvious games are particularly good and four of Hill MacGibbon's tapes were selected by the Book Marketing Council as offering outstanding merit. Punctuation Pete strolls along the text dropping in your punctuation marks: make a mistake and he will run back and point them out. Designed for 48K spectrum and Commodore 64, the tape costs around £10 from branches of W. H. Smith.

Another tape for the same price, called Ballooning, tests the basic scientific skills of observation and experimentation. I found it incredibly difficult and was constantly crashing the balloon, but no doubt a child will pick it up in no time.

Like teddies and dolls, pull-along toys have been around for generations of children. Squeaky Sam offers a different interpretation as a push-along. Squeeze the bulb and air pressure inches him across the floor with a caterpillar action.

...AND SOME THAT ARE REAL STINKERS

THE most odious toys on the American Christmas market this year are "stinkies." These are dolls priced at two dollars (about £1.60) that have apt names like Rotten Eggs, Bad Breath, Sewer and Outhouse.

A report put out here in Washington on toy quality and safety listed other "trash bin" toys, such as those breakable with liquid harmful to the skin and one on sexual trivia, described as more suitable for an adult bookstore than a child's Christmas stocking.

Rather more imaginative, although still on the warning list, is the Blood-sucker, a red ball-point pen at four dollars

(£5.20). It seems to suck blood and then writes with it.

Robots are the most popular item this year and some are said to be dangerous but others, like Super Gobots by Tonka and Deception Converter by Hasbro at fifteen dollars (£12), were recommended.

These "transformer" toys can turn a robot into a truck, car or plane and back again. Toy-shop owners say the forty dollar (£32) models sell just as fast as the cheaper ones.

Cabbage Patch dolls, with their plain, appealing faces are also prominent in letters to Santa Claus.

Betty Yoklavich



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MR LAWSON'S FIRST TASK

ONLY NINE MONTHS AGO, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, was the hero of the Tory backbenches. His coherent and imaginative first Budget appeared to bring to an end a miserable period for the Government, characterised by drift, minor incompetence and bad luck. In the glowing aftermath, Mr Lawson, previously considered by his colleagues to be rather a remote figure, was talked about as a future Conservative leader. However, if the Chancellor's star was in the ascendant last spring, it did not remain there for very long.

During the summer recess a change of mood overtook the party in Parliament. MPs who had been prepared to accept the doubling of unemployment between 1980 and 1982 as a necessary shake-out of over-manning, restrictive practices and outmoded forms of production were shocked to discover that despite 3 per cent. growth in the economy and inflation in low single figures, the dole queues were beginning to lengthen again. Most of them had never previously considered the possibility that unemployment would continue to rise for the whole of the new Parliament. When they did, they found the prospect deeply disturbing.

In recent weeks, the party's anxiety has become more articulate and directed. In particular, a series of speeches and public utterances by the Chancellor have provoked mounting criticism that the Government was complacent and uncaring. Mr Lawson has adhered resolutely to the view that the policies in place were the right ones and that while he had every sympathy with the plight of the unemployed, there was a limit to how much this or any Government could do to help them. Sufficient numbers of new jobs would only be created, the Chancellor frequently reiterated, if people with jobs did not insist on pricing others out of work by demanding excessive pay settlements. The Government could only hope that by exhortation and gradual reform of the inflexible British labour market, wage bargainers would begin to behave more responsibly.

In a way, the Chancellor deserves respect for his fastidious refusal to offer false hopes or peddle quick remedies. He may, however, be guilty of conveying a rather greater degree of fatalism than is either politically wise or strictly necessary. Without undermining the medium-term financial strategy or being forced to adopt policies which it does not believe to be sensible, there is a great deal more which the Government could be doing to demonstrate that it shares the concern of those on whom it depends for support. As he begins to prepare his second Budget, Mr Lawson's overwhelming priority must be to use the money he has at his disposal to provide additional help for the unemployed. Nothing less will do.

HONOURING AN ASS

A GOOD DEAL of rather repellent hypocrisy is floating round on the subject of what moral claims the law has on our obedience. On Monday, Mr Gerald Kaufman bombarded on the depravity shown by Mrs Thatcher in silently acquiescing in the illegal Sunday trading of big department stores while condemning the lawlessness of the N.U.M. Yesterday, the Prime Minister amply repaid her momentary omission: but Mr Kaufman's point was never particularly impressive. There really is no parallel between the deliberate defiance of court orders designed to defend established civil rights and the flouting of an anachronistic law almost unanimously regarded as unworkable and absurd.

Nevertheless, this whole matter requires some elucidation. No one is morally obliged to invoke the civil law to defend all his rights against the invasions of his neighbours: we are none of us under moral compulsion to bankrupt our debtors; but, if we decide to enforce our rights, the courts must enforce and uphold our claims. Even the ancient legal adage which, being translated, says that there shall be no punishment without a crime is not to be confused with the converse proposition that there shall be no crime without a punishment. It is impossible at any time in any community to enforce the whole of the criminal law, and judgments have to be made about when and where to turn a blind eye.

This dangerous but incontrovertible doctrine having been enunciated, let it be added that the action of some big department stores in jumping the gun by anticipating contentious legislation on Sunday trading is an ostentatious piece of insolence offered at a time when the law is in need of friends. The firms concerned should not be allowed to get away with it.

DILEMMA IN DURBAN

THE THREE FUGITIVES who have been holed up in the British Consulate in Durban for three months seem resigned to leaving, though they will almost certainly be arrested by South African security police. They will, however, not be arrested under the detention orders which led them to seek refuge in the British consulate. The South African Government has cancelled these orders and will now charge the three fugitives with high treason. To an outsider the distinction may seem slight but in South African terms it is very great. The point is that the only way the South African Government can now proceed against these men is through the courts.

The British Government, which faces abuse from the fugitives, and no doubt from the Labour Opposition, can comfort itself that it has helped the cause of justice. The higher South African courts are remarkably free and will at least accord these men greater justice than the South African police would have done under detention orders. It may be argued that it is wrong for the British Government to have played such an intimate role in the affairs of another country. But what else could it have done, but offer refuge when the fugitives (there were then six of them) originally threw themselves at the mercy of consular officials?

As for the three fugitives, they only do themselves great harm when their spokesman, Dr Fanos Mera, says that the British Government has been "paralysed by its own greed and self-interest" and "is not on the side of democracy". This is said of a Government which was constrained to accept the position of an unwilling host and whose consular activities have as a result been disrupted for three months. The objective outside world may think that these fugitives are being a little shrill and ungrateful, however shining their cause may be, and that the British Government's conduct, if not always wholly competent, has been wholly honourable.

How CND tries to undermine Britain's defences

IN line with traditional practice, the Home Secretary, Leon Brittan, has refused to confirm or deny whether he has authorised any interception of CND's mail or telephone calls. There are, however, some very good reasons why the authorities might want to keep an eye on some of CND's activities.

Christmas is almost here and the trees are on sale. By Twelfth Night they will be due for demolition. But the telephone trees will remain.

"Telephone trees," more accurately described by an exponent as "spreading ripples," is a term not widely known. Neither are telephone blockades.

But all these terms are well known to members of CND, or more specifically its subsidiary Cruisewatch.

The telephone is an important weapon in the CND aim of tracking cruise missiles as they moved around the country with a view to preventing their deployment in an emergency. CND has protested against allegedly illicit opening of its mail and telephone tapping and disruption. The Post Office, apparently, hummed, apologised and sent £100 "good-will payment".

Today the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, which is investigating activities of the Special Branch, will hear detailed complaints from the National Council for Civil Liberties and CND about alleged infringements of their civil liberties in connection with Cruisewatch and other activities.

In passing, it should be noted that while many CND members are decent well-meaning people who simply are deeply opposed to nuclear annihilation, it has been deeply penetrated by Left-wing activists. Its recent conference avoided condemning Russian SS20 missiles. The new balance of power in CND will not be clear until its new executive is elected shortly.

AGAIN, Miss Sarah Pepper, CND membership secretary, complaining of alleged surveillance, said it was totally unnecessary as CND had no secrets and practised non-violence. Anyone, she said, could walk into their bookshops and, if they wanted, find out what they were up to. But CND keeps rather quiet, as far as the general public is concerned, about some of its activities.

Let us see what happened to the Greenham Common women. Their movement, founded by idealists, most of whom have left, has become something of an anachronism. Somewhat hysterical, fanatical for women's causes, some proud of sluttish behaviour, they have failed in their original purpose.

That was to prevent cruise missiles arriving in October, 1983. In fact the Greenham "wimmin", or "wymen" as they style themselves, are not confined to Greenham. They have London offices and centres. They are highly organised.

That is where Cruisewatch and the telephone trees, now described by CND as "highly sophisticated," come in. So far, cruise convoys of various compositions have left Greenham on the 10 occasions mostly by night. The largest, including four huge missile launchers, each capable of launching four cruise, comprised 26 vehicles.

None has carried live missiles. Moreover the United States Air Force and Ministry of Defence, who man and guard them, have to observe "tension indicators" in East-West relations. That means they do not go out when the Russians might get the wrong impression.

They wish to familiarise the public with the sight of convoys to minimise apprehension. But since cruise will only be deployed for real, in a true emergency, far away from Greenham, it is essential to practice convoy movement, particularly on secondary roads where they have difficulties.

Usually, they have gone to Salisbury Plain or other sites in Hampshire.

By

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shire and Wiltshire. Usually when they do so, Cruisewatch attempts to track them and publicise their own successes. Sometimes they have failed, not least due to American and local cunning.

It is suspected that the Greenham women might have night-sight equipment, able to see the convoys forming up. Then the telephone trees are alerted.

The trees are prearranged networks of phone contacts. Once the first warning call is received, locally or in London, it can proceed rapidly.

"I have a Cruisewatch diagram of one tree. It consists of a circle of 30 women's first names and phone numbers, at home or sometimes at work, with the instruction: 'Phone the next two.' Because the system has been cracked by CND opponents, and at least one false alarm planted, safety precautions are included to confirm the genuine nature of the call.

For the same reason, Cruisewatch is understood to have reorganised itself into cells to avoid disruption.

When a convoy sets out, a Greenham vehicle will try to trail it, reporting from telephone booths where it stops. Berkshire and other local supporters try to join in tracking, or man key road junctions.

They hope if possible to stop a convoy, going out or returning, but so far without success, although exercise locations have been identified. CND Southampton has published a map, of which I have a copy, showing roads which cruise must use, with public telephone boxes and detailed guidance on exercise sites. A detailed map

of the base has been published in the CND magazine SANTRY.

The women's trailing activities include creeping through forests to measure tyre tracks, to work out what vehicles are being used, and checking on work done to improve roads and tracks to cope with convoys.

A girlishly enthusiastic account of the operations — and how they had apparently been thwarted by other agencies — was published recently by Polly Woolley, Cruisewatch co-ordinator. She described how her phone would go ominously dead in the middle of the night as she tried to activate the telephone tree; then fleeing to "safe houses" to use other phones, telling people to monitor roads or go to junctions at specified map references. She made herself sound like a wartime SOE girl.

Apart from the main telephone trees, a regional one is being set up by Amanda Forster of Peckham. All messages can be checked and confirmed. London members have a rallying point in Trafalgar Square. All this goes on in the dead of night. It all sounds like the Keystone Cops, if it were not more serious.

One of CND's excuses for all this activity, which might be thought subversive, is to prove that if they can do it, so can the Russians. But of course different cruise destinations are likely in a real emergency. Moreover, Cruisewatch, by tracking convoys, publishing maps, and detailed reports, and establishing a private intelligence organisation, is doing the Russians' work for them.

Cruisewatch and CND complain that on convoys nights, apart from any phone tapping, whole networks of phones go out of order. I have no doubt they do. Perhaps the authorities have been a bit clumsy. But who can blame them? If something like Cruisewatch had operated in the Falklands war the Argentines would have known the Services' preparations.

CND have another target too:

what are known in Whitehall jargon as Emergency Service Routes. These are main roads, not only in and out of London (White-chapel Road is one), but throughout the country which would be closed to civilian traffic in a real emergency. CND and Cruisewatch, apart from trying to exacerbate natural public apprehension, have urged members to stage demos on them or obstruct them.

They have published a national map of the routes and there are reasons to believe they would try to obstruct them in an emergency. They also urge a "telephone blockade" of key Defence numbers, which they have publicised, but the first attempt failed.

I would suggest that despite their wide-eyed protestations of purely anti-nuclear sentiments, much that CND and Cruisewatch are engaged in, despite their lack of real success so far, could pose a fifth-column-type threat to this country in the national emergency we all hope to avoid.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RIDLEY AND MANCHESTER AIRPORT

SIR — Your report on the address in Manchester by the Transport Secretary, Mr Ridley, shows how crassly inadequate has been his briefing by his south country orientated civil servants.

Manchester is not asking for the Government to force airlines to use Manchester; what the Government is being asked to do is to stop preventing airlines from using Manchester.

The response to the application by Singapore International Airlines to use Manchester was to demand an equal cut in services to London. This is a ludicrous suggestion: interlining passengers will certainly prefer London to Manchester and SIA would be daft to accept such an offer.

Can the Ministry really have made this suggestion with a straight face? Would it not have been more honest to have said that the application was refused in the interests of British Airways for whose northern passengers the shuttle link from Heathrow would have been less attractive?

If intercontinental airlines are to be denied the use of Manchester, northern passengers are forced to interline. An increasing number prefer to use European airports rather than Heathrow. Is this what the Ministry wants to encourage?

Manchester Airport is proving increasingly popular with passengers. The likely capacity of five million will be exceeded this year by more than a million. Market studies show that viable routes from Manchester are being upped by the Ministry's black ball.

The way the Australian Qantas traffic has grown in the direct flights to Manchester demonstrates the potential. Nor is the growth only in passenger traffic; the intercontinental flights by Qantas and Canadian Worldair are fully loaded. As to Stansted, will the Ministry allow it to compete on equal terms with Manchester or is the heavy cross-subsidy from Heathrow to continue?

(Clt) W. H. AIKMAN
Leader, City Con. Party,
Manchester Town Hall.

Moral responsibility to obey the law

SIR — Very rightly, the question of law and order has recently been the focus of a storm of criticism. It has been stressed that it is essential for the continuance of society that all are subject to the law, else the result is anarchy.

It is, therefore, very disturbing to read (Dec. 8) that certain large stores propose opening on Sunday in defiance of the existing laws of the land.

Such is our state today that integrity no longer seems to matter. These corporations control considerable assets and, quite properly, earn considerable profits. Such a position, however, carries a moral responsibility to use their power with integrity and give a lead to the rest of society by a proper observance of the law, not to flout it with contempt merely because a committee has recommended that it be changed.

Surely they can wait for that event to come about?
L. E. WARBURTON
Dover, Kent.

Meat in diet

SIR — I was disappointed by the account in your newspaper (Dec. 4) of a formally structured meeting at which I was invited to speak by the Guild of Agricultural Journalists.

The representatives of the Vegetarian Society indulged in precisely the sort of emotional controversy which they believe to be a necessary part of their disproportionate publicity.

Much of what both Dr. Alan Long, research adviser to the Vegetarian Society and Mrs. Rose Elliot, a leading vegetarian writer, said was exaggerated or incorrect and Dr. Long's opening remarks constituted a personally offensive attack on myself containing what he thought was an amusing reference to my company which was incorrect and racist.

Your report quotes from the two vegetarian speakers and makes no mention of the case put forward by either Mr. Robert Tyler representing the National Federation of Meat Traders or by myself. It is sad if various groups feel that the only way to achieve publicity is by exaggeration in speech or behaviour. Unless some responsibility is shown over objective reporting of what happens, then the continuation of criminal action and violence which we have experienced will be encouraged.

It is unfair to confuse people who genuinely want to know what is best for them. The Government Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy report recommended reducing the fat intake not to eliminate it. Six to eight ounces of lean meat in the daily food programme, together with vegetables, fruit, cereals and a controlled amount of dairy products, provide an interesting, satisfying and balanced diet.

C. S. CULLMORE
Man. Director, J. H. Dewhurst,
London, E.C.1.

Search for information

SIR — Mr. Tom Scott, of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (Dec. 1), pretending to be a prospective parent, wrote to me using a false name saying he wanted a school for his two children where the teachers regularly beat girls and boys.

Mr. Scott tried to justify this subterfuge by saying I had used a pseudonym to infiltrate the Paedophile Information Exchange, and that I was investigating criminal offences; he was not.

I did not express agreement with what I opposed, nor did I boast of practising it; Mr. Scott did. I obtained information otherwise unobtainable; the information given to Scott was available to all.

I was careful to get my facts right and to present a true report to Scotland Yard; Mr. Scott did not get his facts right and he gave a false and inaccurate report in the Press and to Sir Keith Joseph. Mr. Scott even exaggerated the Hamilton College property, reporting £550,000 instead of £270,000.

Far from being "hoist with my own petard," as Mr. Scott claims, by writing bogus letters to me and to other headmasters, Mr. Scott has handed me a stick with which to beat him!

CHARLES G. O'NEIL
Principal, Hamilton College,
Hamilton, Lanark.

Simple ethics

SIR — Peter Simple's item headed "One World Workshop" (Nov. 26) about part of the ministry at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, ends with the question: "What more could one possibly want?" The answer is a little Christianity from Peter Simple.

DONALD RIEVES
St. James's Rectory,
London, W.1.

Tax on learning

SIR — Even without attending university it is possible to enhance one's knowledge at any time of life by buying books.

A classic example is Sir Winston Churchill who did not do all that well at school or receive a university education. But when he was a subaltern in India he had books sent out to him and studied in his spare time.

VAT on books would be an assault on self-education which a Conservative Chancellor should dismiss out of hand.
G. B. WOOD
Hove, Sussex.

Freedom of speech as a British right

SIR — Although I do not agree with the political views held by Mr. Patrick Harrington, I was disgusted to read that Mrs. Frances Morrell of the Inner London Education Authority had even considered his expulsion from the Polytechnic of North London.

The fact that the ILEA has an anti-racist policy should not make it necessary for it to seize upon some other form of prejudice.

Great Britain is a democracy, and its citizens have freedom of speech. Mr. Harrington has expressed his views in public, as is his right, and to suggest that for doing so he should be expelled from the college is, to my mind, political persecution of a sort found in Russia and Nazi Germany.

Simply because his views disagree with those of the ILEA is no reason to deny him further education.

NIGEL WHITEFIELD
Winchester.

Work for justice

SIR — Firstly, allow me to thank your Education Staff, Miss Margot Norman, for a good, clear and unbiased piece of reporting on Dec. 10.

The report by Mr. Graham Jones was spoilt by appearing to be an attack on Mrs. Frances Morrell. I certainly do not agree with all she either says or does. In the case mentioned, she worked for justice over quite a few months.

Dr. David MacDowall suggests he is not politically motivated; he shows his true colours just the same.

ANN HOLROYD
Arnscliffe, Cumbria.

Wrong image of CND

SIR — Having been misquoted in your report (Nov. 29) I was disturbed to read Mr. Edward Leigh's comments (Dec. 6) on a remark which I did not make.

It is not my practice to make deceptive statements concerning the political affiliations of members of Scottish CND. Mr. Leigh can rest assured that Ian Davidson has never concealed his Communist party membership, nor would I attempt to do so. Ian Davidson is also well known for his consistent opposition to all nuclear weapons, including those of the Soviet Union, and took part in CND's demonstration outside the Soviet Embassy on Dec. 8.

By indulging in the sport of Communist baiting, Mr. Leigh conjures up a crude, pro-Soviet, Communist-dominated image for our organisation, which is far removed from reality. An organisation of the type he imagines would not attract me or the thousands of members of differing individual opinions whom I represent.

It is certainly not have become the major pressure group which it is today. Mr. Leigh's insinuations are offensive to the small minority of Communists within CND and also to the vast majority of our members who, like myself, have no association with the Communist party.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's unconditional condemnation of all nuclear weapons is clearly laid out in our constitution. Those who accept this principle cannot act as apologists for one side in the nuclear arms race.

It is the proponents of nuclear weapons who adopt double standards, by accepting one set of arguments to justify their own weapons and denying the validity of the same rationale to others.

MARGARET MORTON
Gen. Sec., Scottish CND
Glasgow.

Compensation terms

SIR — The Government's privatisation programme will seek to remedy the progressively narrower ownership of shares in Britain. In fact, the whole privatisation programme has been a great act of political courage by Mrs. Thatcher's Government.

All the more regrettable is it, therefore, to see the Government taken to court by the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg because they have been unwilling to provide fair compensation as a result of Labour's Aircraft and Shipbuilding Acts of 1977.

The compensation terms were described as "grossly inadequate" by Nigel Lawson, "outright confiscation" by Tom King, "no equity" by Norman Tebbit, "grossly unfair" by Sir Keith Joseph. Michael Heseltine displayed his views by setting the record as to how the Government has put this matter right and his arguments in its defence have inevitably struck the put it mildly — hypocritical. Its refusal to settle justly also imperils the future of the privatisation programme.

The Government must go on record as stating that future Conservative Governments will reserve the right adequately to compensate shareholders unjustly treated as a result of acts of re-nationalisation by future Labour Governments.

And secondly, it should settle just compensation out of court for those companies unfairly treated under the so-called Tony Benn Act. After all, the recent Hongkong agreement quite properly recognised the rights of citizens to compensation for lawful deprivation.

MICHAEL IVENS
Director, Aims of Industry,
London, W.C.1.

Which comes first?

SIR — Mr. Christopher Booker's excellent article on Dr. Johnson leaves one with a question unanswered (Dec. 8). Is it character which creates the personality or personality which moulds the character?

(Mrs) STELLA LUDLAM
Chadderton, Lancs.

Fiasco costs IRA an Army Council man and key arms buyer

10 years for gun-runners of the Marita Ann

By KENNETH CLARKE in Dublin

THREE IRA gun-runners went to jail last night for 10 years, trapped by a classic international security operation which caught them red-handed on board the trawler Marita Ann with the biggest IRA arsenal ever recovered.

Operation Leprechaun had everything — an informer, M15, the CIA, high technology surveillance in mid-Atlantic, and ultimately a midnight ambush by the Irish Navy.

It not only cost the Provisionals the seven tons of arms, and the £1,500,000 which paid for them in America.

Yesterday it also cost them the services of Martin Ferris, a member of its ruling Army Council, and JOHN PATRICK CRAWLEY, a former United States Marine and a key arms buyer who had purchased the trawler's cargo.

They were jailed at Dublin's anti-terrorism Special Criminal Court, together with MICHAEL BROWNE, 42-year-old skipper of the Marita Ann and a veteran Republican.

'Suffering would be incalculable'

They were convicted after a two-week trial at the no-jury court of illegal arms possession. Two other men — JOHN MCCARTHY, 26, and GAVIN MONTGOMERY, 25, both from Fenit, Co Kerry — were given five-year suspended sentences.

They were crewmen on the Marita Ann, and it was claimed they had no idea of its mission when it sailed to rendezvous 100 miles off the Irish coast with an ocean-going trawler which had brought the arms from the United States.

Mr Justice JAMES McMAHON said: "Browne, Crawley and McCarthy admitted in unsworn statements their involvement. They said the arms were not for use in the Irish Republic."

But how the arms were used was a matter they would have had no control over whatever. Had the arms been satisfactorily transmitted to their destination it would be impossible to conceive the amount of suffering they might have caused," the judge said.

"IRA supporters in the public gallery shouted: 'Up the Provos' as the three were led away, giving a pained salute."

Watchful eyes of Irish police

Operation Leprechaun had its beginnings in late summer, when local police in West Cork and County Kerry, a hot-bed of subversives, noticed increased activity among known Republicans.

The ports of Ardara and Baginbun were put under surveillance. The information came in that this upsurge in movement was linked to a likely shipment of arms from America.

The tip came from U.S. Customs via the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Interpol, to the Irish police and the British security services.

A trawler called the Valhalla had put to sea from Boston. An informer told American officials that arms were on board. It was setting a course for Ireland.

Immediately, a joint naval-police task force was assembled at the Irish naval base in Cork, under Det. Insp. Patrick Ryan and Lt-Comd Brian Farrell, who was in overall command.

Three Irish Navy patrol vessels, half the country's fleet, with armed police on board, put out to sea on Sept. 24 in bad weather, to take up positions within the three-mile limit.

The operation was so secret that Insp. Ryan, told to report to the Cork, thought it was a routine fishery protection sortie.

A Republican puts to sea

Lt-Comd Farrell, aboard the 872-tonne Emer, received a signal that Michael Browne, an expert seaman and known Republican, had seen the Marita Ann sailing from the fishing port of Fenit.

Then British Intelligence began relaying information received via Interpol about the Valhalla's movements. The Americans were using spy high-orbiting "keyhole" satellite capable, with its telescopic zoom lens, picking out objects of less than 20cm in width.

Improved night that it would watch at night, and the precise movements of the Valhalla were relayed to earth.

It is also said that a submarine was shadowing the gun-runner.



The three IRA gun-runners who were each jailed for 10 years in Dublin yesterday. From left: John Crawley, Michael Browne and Martin Ferris.

DRUG FIRM 'HYSTERIA' ATTACKED

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

DOCTORS and the pharmaceutical industry were condemned as "hysterical" yesterday for their men's proposals to limit the number of drugs doctors may prescribe.

In an attack on critics of the proposals, Mr. Clarke, Health Minister, said the pharmaceutical industry was spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on advertising opposing the scheme.

"They have claimed that important drugs not affected by the proposals will be banned. It is tactics of this sort which have brought the industry's promotional activities into such disrepute."

The British Medical Association, an advising family doctors to spread a distorted view of the scheme to their patients. That cannot be in anybody's interest."

Addressing a dinner at the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators at the Guildhall, he said the fact was that the Government was taking a simple step to cut out wasteful and expensive use of some of the minor drugs on the market.

"What we are doing will not affect the more important or life-saving drugs at all. We are dealing here only with things like cough remedies, laxatives, tonics and tranquilisers."

"I simply do not see why the NHS should pay for every product which every manufacturer puts on the market whatever the cost."

"For the groups of minor drugs we have specified there will be a range of drugs available sufficient to meet all clinical needs. They will be safe, effective and reasonably priced. The list will contain everything which is really needed."

Thatcher criticism

Our PARLIAMENTARY STAFF writes: Mrs Thatcher joined in criticism in the Commons yesterday of doctors who have backed the campaign of drug companies against the Government's move to make greater product which every manufacturer puts on the market whatever the cost.

She said the "fully endorsed" remarks by Mr Robert MacGrath (C. Brentwood and Otago), who criticised drug companies for saying that the Government's "limited move into generic prescribing was calculated to create two levels of health service."

LESBIAN LOSES FIGHT FOR TENANCY

Mary Simpson, a lesbian, failed in her Appeal Court fight yesterday to restore her tenancy in a council house shared with her late lover as "husband and wife."

Lord Justice Watkins said that even in the enlightened 1980s he did not think public opinion had changed so much as to regard two lesbians living together as husband and wife and refused to overturn a County Court ruling that she had no legal right to take over the tenancy of the house as the surviving "spouse."

In September, 1981, Miss Simpson moved in to the two-bedroom council home with Mrs Maureen Rodger, a Kennington Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire. She claimed that under the 1980 Housing Act she should be declared part of the family and entitled to take over the tenancy.

LIVINGSTONE'S CRITICISM

Mr Kenneth Livingstone's comments about the leaders of the Board of Deputies of British Jews being "reactionaries and neo-Fascists" reported yesterday, were originally carried in the Israeli weekly newspaper, DAVAR HANEFESH.

The paper is owned and published by the Israeli Labour Federation, Histadrut, the equivalent of the TUC.

DETECTIVE STOLE

Stephen Read, 28, a temporary detective constable at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was sentenced to 15 months' jail, suspended for two years, yesterday at St Albans Crown Court, for pocketing £57 he had recovered from a theft. He is no longer in the force.

Error in duke's trust put millions at risk

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

THE Duke of Somerset's solicitor, while under "immense pressure of work," almost cost the family a multi-million-pound claim in Capital Transfer Tax on the estate following the death of the 19th Duke last month.

Mr PETER ROBIN FITZGERALD made an error in drawing up a trust fund created by the DOWAGER DUCHESS OF SOMERSET.

As a result, trust income which she intended for her two-year-old grandson would have gone to the present Duke, his father, the High Court was told yesterday.

The Duke would have been liable to heavy CTT if he had tried to transfer the interest back to his son.

Problem solved

To solve the problem the Dowager Duchess asked the court to approve rectification of the trust deed. In a sworn statement she said she had never intended the trust to benefit her son, who succeeded the title.

Giving his approval, Deputy Judge JULIAN JEFFS, QC, said there had been an understandable mistake which had not reflected the intentions of the Dowager Duchess.

He did so after Mr Fitzgerald, in a written statement, admitted his mistake, adding: "I was under immense pressure of work at the time."

His error had gone unnoticed until it was pointed out to him by a tax inspector, as the late Duke's will was being processed for probate.

Under the amended deed the grandson, now Lord Sebastian Seymour and direct heir to the dukedom, will get 60 per cent of the income from the trust, with the remaining 40 per cent to two other members of the family.

Ancient dukedom

The Somerset dukedom, created in 1546, is second in seniority only to the dukedom of Norfolk, dating from 1483.

The late Duke, who died at the age of 74, inherited the title from his father in 1954, and a taxation loss of him thousands of acres of land in Wiltshire and Devon.

Capital Transfer Tax is still expected to be heavy when the late Duke's will is sent for probate, and further inroads may be made on the estate.

Land of visiting son ... in South Wales

By GRAHAM JONES

THE Japanese electrical firm Hitachi moved yesterday to quash suggestions that it was operating a "life ends before 40" policy after asking for redundancies at its South Wales factory for those over 35.

In a letter to all employees at the Hirwaun colour TV plant near Aberdare, the company said older workers were slow, prone to sickness, had poor eyesight and were more resistant to change.

It invited "old-timers" in their late 30s and above among the 800-strong workforce to take a £1,800 redundancy payment and make way for young blood and school leavers who it said would restore the company's "age profile."

Hitachi quoted its rival, Toshiba, in Plymouth, whose workers have an average age of 24, but denied yesterday that it was instigating a Japanese inspired "purge" to get rid of older employees and replace them with youngsters.

Mr Tony Pegge, deputy executive manager for personnel at the Hitachi factory, who is 42, said the firm's policy was aimed at middle-aged mothers who might like to give up their jobs in favour of their sons and daughters leaving school.

Age balance

He said only 20 redundancies had been asked for to restore the age balance and 15 had come forward so far, five of them offering to give up their jobs to teenage offspring.

"The reason we chose 35 was that between that age and 40 people have teenage sons and daughters," he said. "We were not seeking any compulsory redundancies. We would have been embarrassed if there had been a large response."

Mr Evelyn Jenkins, 50, area full-time official with the electricians union EETPU, in Cardiff, said his union, which had sole bargaining rights at the Hitachi plant, was not completely happy at the arrangement, but it was an offer to individuals, with no compulsory redundancies.

Hostile reaction

The company, since it became wholly Japanese run in March after a partnership arrangement with CEC, had introduced changes to the good including a new canteen and sales to staff of discounted electrical goods.

Reaction elsewhere was more hostile. Mr Stephen Woodrow, a member of the Engineering Workers' Union at the factory and a workers director said: "The whole idea stinks. I am only 31 but a lot of the men who work with me are over 40 and they are some of our best workers."

The company's chairman in Japan, Mr Hirokichi Yoshizawa, is 75.

LIMIT ON BEGINNER OVERTURE

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

EQUITY, the actors' union, has voted to continue its strongly contested policy of restricting entry of newcomers to the theatre through a quota system.

The referendum produced its largest number of votes on a single issue in a ballot, with 4,003 in favour of maintaining controls, and 3,498 against.

Those pressing for abolition included such prominent stage figures as Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Paul Eddington, Joan Plowright and Albert Finney. A major and expensive campaign for change has been mounted in recent months.

Under the quota system, which has existed for 15 years, subsidised repertory companies can give two acting places a year and one assistant stage manager post to newcomers. Four acting positions and one ASM are allowed to commercial repertories.

In 1983, through this source, 363 became members of Equity though the number of newcomers to the union generally was approaching 3,000, most of them entering by way of the club and variety sectors, where no controls or closed shop procedures exist.

75 p.c. jobless

Equity has 32,000 members, 75 per cent of whom can be unemployed at any one time. Without the agreements, theatre managements would be able to take on an unlimited number of newcomers.

Opinion on the issue seems to have cut across the normal "party political" lines within the union.

The main opposition group on Equity's governing committee, Centre Forward, said last night it was delighted the membership had not been panicked into opening its doors.

HOSTESSES TO SERVE B.R. MEALS

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

DINING cars are likely to be phased out by British Rail if an experiment to be started on London Midland Region in the New Year is a success.

It will involve copying French Railways with a system in which a hostess delivers tray-meals to first-class passengers in their seats, airline-style.

Second-class ticket-holders will get the choice of a trolley service or going to a buffet car. Train meals continue to lose money for British Rail, although catering on stations is now looking healthy.

Trolley system

The use of micro-wave ovens to reheat meals pre-cooked at stations and then loaded on to trains makes the trolley system possible.

Some French trains still have restaurant cars, but on the new super-trains holding the world speed record passengers are served in the seats. A flap drops down from the seat in front to provide a small table, as in airliners.

The system would mean more seats being available on crowded trains, since restaurant cars could be replaced by ordinary carriages.

On most trains, second-class ticket-holders are able to take meals in restaurant cars designed as first-class coaches. Thus, by paying £7 for breakfast a passenger might be able to travel in first class, a second-class ticket, saving £30 or more.

Restaurant cars have already been withdrawn on many routes, with none left on Southern Region.

ORDER GOES ABROAD

OUR TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT writes: Train bodies are to be built in Germany for London's £77 million passenger railway, on which work was started yesterday by Mr Jenkins, Environment Secretary. No British company could meet the design required, it was said.

The steel shells will be made by Linke-Bofmann-Busch, but outfitting will be in Birmingham by Metropolitan Cammell.

Stansted revolt by Tories stalls curb on Heathrow flights

By CON COUGHLIN

PLANS to develop Stansted as London's third airport suffered a major setback yesterday at the hands of rebel Tory MPs before Ministers could even absorb the findings of the three-year public inquiry.

Three back-benchers joined Liberal and Labour MPs to defeat the Government on a motion before a Commons Standing Committee, halting progress on the controversial Civil Aviation Bill.

Opponents believe the Bill could be used as a back-door method to develop Stansted. It would limit aircraft movements at Heathrow, which would force development of a new airport to meet the increased demand in air traffic.

Ministers must now consider the whole future of the measure. The 10-6 defeat on a motion setting out a timetable for the Standing Committee on the Bill meant the committee had to adjourn without any date for resumption.

The backbenchers' action will be by no means the last attempt to undermine the findings of the £13 million Stansted inquiry, which recommends development of Stansted and expansion of Heathrow as the solution to London's airport needs.

Lack of commitment

It is the latest in a succession of inquiries and commissions which have consistently failed to find an acceptable formula since Stansted was earmarked in the 1950s as a potential site for a London international airport.

Proposals to build it at Maplin, Cublington and Stansted have all fallen foul of party politics and the inherent inability of Government departments to make a commitment to any one option.

Among the litany of abortive inquiries, commissions, White Papers and select committees, Stansted is the one name that has surfaced at each and every twist and turn.

After it was named as London's "reserve airport" in a 1955 White Paper, the issue was resurrected by a 1961 inter-departmental committee set up to consider the requirements for a third London airport.

Its report, published in 1964, concluded that Heathrow and a two-runway Gatwick would be unable to handle all the London area traffic beyond about 1972. A third airport would be needed by about 1973.

A Government committee then examined a list of 16 possible sites, and concluded that Stansted was the best option.

Because of the overwhelming local objections a public inquiry was held at Chelmsford between December, 1963, and February, 1966.

Its report said development of Stansted would be a calamity only justified by national necessity, which had not been proved.

The Government then embarked upon a comprehensive re-examination of the issue which culminated with the 1967 White Paper, "The Third London Airport." It concluded that Stansted had advantages over all other sites.

In 1968 the Roskill Commission was set up to look at the proposal, and the general question of when a four-runway airport should be built to cater for the expected increase in traffic.

Mr Justice Roskill's report in 1971 drew up a short list of four new sites which had not previously been considered — Cublington, Maplin, Nuthampstead and Thurleigh. It made a final recommendation that Cublington, Buckinghamshire, was the most suitable site. Stansted was rejected outright.

The Heath Government in 1971 rejected the recommendations and opted for Maplin. In 1973 the Maplin Development Authority was set up to undertake reclamation of land at Maplin Sands, off Foulness Island, for the establishment of an airport and seaport.

Goodbye, Maplin

But when in 1974 Heath was defeated, the new Wilson government immediately shelved the project on cost grounds, and a reappraisal of air traffic forecasts for the 1980s and 1990s was undertaken, with particular regard to the growing use of wide-bodied jets.

"Maplin: Review of Airport Project" published in July, 1974, concluded that in the three years since the decision to build Maplin was taken there had been a number of significant developments which had called into question its timing, size and need. Maplin was cancelled.

It was left to Mr John Nott, then Trade Secretary, to announce in 1979 that the Government wanted to develop Stansted to handle 15 million passengers a year by the end of the 1980s, setting in motion the public inquiry which culminated in this week's report.

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Brazil likely to devalue

THERE are strong indications that a major devaluation of the Brazilian cruzeiro may take place soon.

Despite denials of the National Monetary Fund and of constant comments from various sources that a fresh tranche of 50,000 cruzeiros notes may be supplied soon.

Apparently the Brazilian mint in Rio de Janeiro has prepared an issue of 100,000 cruzeiro banknotes on which the three last zeros will be cut off.

McCarthy rights

SPECIALIST retirement home builder McCarthy & Stone is making a rights issue of 150,000 of 10p convertible stock, 1989/90, to raise £1.5m for the construction of residential care and nursing homes.

Over the year to August 31 increased from £1.2m to £1.7m. Pre-tax profit surged from £3.6m to £5.8m. The dividend is effectively increased from 1.5p to 2.15p a share with a final of 1.6p payable February 23.

The current year has started well and the board look forward to the future "with considerable confidence".

Question—P21

IC Gas flares

IMPERIAL Continental Gas Association has pushed interim results to Sept. 30 up from a £1.07m loss to an almost £12m pre-tax profit. This is thanks almost entirely to the inclusion of the group's interests in the Maureen North Sea oilfield which started producing in the second half of last year.

The interim dividend of 5.5p net, against 4p, is payable on Feb. 11.

Question—P21

Aisher to retire

JACK AISHER, 74, is to retire as chairman of Marley, the building products group, at the company's annual meeting on May 11. Mr. Aisher succeeded his elder brother and joint founder of the company, Sir Owen Aisher, in 1982.

He is to be succeeded as chairman by Sir Robert Clark, who joined the company in July. William Courtenay, the group's joint deputy chairman, also intends to retire from the board at the annual meeting for "personal reasons".

Barlow in talks

MERGER TALKS are on between Barlow Holdings and Majestic Investments, two investment groups whose stock market value is around £57m. Barlow holders are exchanging for shares in Majestic on the basis of asset values or for cash at a discount to asset value.

Cash will be available to a limited extent and, if elections are received for more than this limit, will be scaled down.

Prior's post

JAMES PRIOR, who resigned as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in September, is to join the board of Sainsbury on January 1. Since moving to the back benches Mr. Prior has taken up the chairmanship of General Electric Company and joined the board of United Biscuits.

Superdrug expands

SUPERDRUG, an target for 211 stores by the end of this year, is planning to open at least 40 more in 1985. Next year will also see the opening of a second distribution centre which, the company says, will enable it to serve more than 500 branches.

Oceonics Group

OCEONICS GROUP is selling a number of ROVs (remotely operated vehicles) and related assets to Sea-Con Services for £2.5m.

Oceonics will continue to offer underwater remotely operated vehicle services, concentrating on technical development and marketing of underwater service packages, and has entered into a co-operation agreement with Sea-Con relating to the provision of Sea-Con ROV services.

Hampton Trust

HAMPTON TRUST, the London-based property and natural resources group is paying £2.8m for the former shopping Centre at Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire.

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Price war if oil cheapens warns Yamani

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

NERVOUSNESS in the oil market increased yesterday as Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister warned a price war would develop if North Sea charges dropped again.

Spot market prices eased further. Norway returned to was attempting to take a back seat until the dust settled and Mr. Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister, made it plain the Government wanted to wait until "uncertainties" had cleared before deciding on changes in the North Sea price structure.

The discount between spot and official prices for North Sea oil widened again with Brent oil on offer at \$27.25 a barrel for delivery next month, compared to the \$28.65 price set by the British National Oil Corporation.

Reports that the State trading body was offering discounts produced another tremble for the day 40 points down in this trading at \$1.985. The trade weighted average eased 0.1 to 74.7.

B.N.O.C. strongly denied that it was giving secret discounts but intensive discussions are still under way about switching the basis of contracts from a quarterly system to a new formula where prices are set more closely to spot market levels.

The warning from Sheikh Yamani was being interpreted as another attempt to prevent a fundamental North Sea change that would have international repercussions and add to the pressure on the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to reduce prices.

Sheikh Yamani said that any

changes by North Sea producers would "open the door for a price war" and would also cost other oil producers a tremendous loss.

Saudi Arabia is against any reduction in the basic Opec price of \$29 a barrel for light oil but is supporting moves for an increase in the price of heavier crudes which have been selling at a premium.

The outcome of the Opec ministerial meeting later this month was one of the factors cited yesterday by Mr. Buchanan-Smith when he spent 90 minutes answering questions about why B.N.O.C. needed \$45 million to cover spot market trading losses.

He was "let" off lightly by members of the Commons Select Committee on Energy about the changes now under discussion on the way North Sea prices are set.

B.N.O.C. would not be scrapped, and left MPs with the firm impression that the Prime Minister's office, as well as the Energy Department, is carrying out reviews into the North Sea price structure.

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FINANCIAL markets had braced themselves for some disappointing money supply figures in banking November but the 2.4 p.c. surge in broad money last month — far higher than the worst expectations — left them winded, and not a little baffled and apprehensive.

The Bank of England described the increase — the biggest monthly jump in sterling M3 since the abolition of the so-called corset controls on bank lending in July 1980 — as "erratically high," blaming a massive build-up of liquidity in the banks in advance of the British Telecom flotation. But market concern yesterday was centred on the £2.6 billion of public borrowing, only partially offset by a respectable £1.5 billion of government debt sales.

Glits ended the day £2.5 lower, having gained up to £4.4 earlier in the day. While the news took the edge off share-buying enthusiasm, but for the moment at least there is no question of any general rise in interest rates.

Since the start of the latest target period in February sterling M3 has risen at an annual rate of 12.4 p.c., well above the 6 to 10 p.c. target range, against 9.3 p.c. in October. Narrow money, Mo, however, which is given equal weight in the Government's interest-rate decisions and was unaffected last month by the B.T. sale remains well within its target band. But the mood in the City has not been improved by warnings that British Telecom distortions are likely to affect the money growth figures for the December and January banking months, including Mo.

According to the Bank of England, the evidence suggests that the £1.7 billion of new bank lending last month was swollen by a "substantial" increase in deposits in readiness for the B.T. sale in late November. This may also provide some explanation of the surprisingly high figure for state borrowing, as prospective investors delayed paying rates and other taxes to finance their applications.

Because the B.T. issue was heavily oversubscribed much of the growth in deposits is likely to

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Money markets taken aback by gusting M3

be unwound early next year. State finances will also be improved by the proceeds of the B.T. sale in banking December and accelerated V.A.T. payments on imports in banking January. So there is no reason why the money supply should not come back on track once more.

But the City may now want something more tangible than reasonable expectations to restore its equilibrium. Holding market confidence in the run-up to the Budget may prove a trickier task than the Chancellor bargained for.

Equities blown off course

THE MONEY SUPPLY figures did just enough damage to market sentiment yesterday afternoon to prevent the Financial Times 30 share index recording yet another all-time high. After being 4.3 higher at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. the index slipped to close 0.2 below the previous peak on Monday night. But the London market is still displaying an astonishing resilience for an indicator which is meant to anticipate events six to 12 months ahead in an economic recovery which by conventional standards is well past the mature stage.

The all-share index has doubled since the bottom of the last bear market 38 months ago and although two of the last three bull markets produced a larger percentage gain, the current upswing has comfortably outlasted the 30-month bull market which ended in April 1979.

Nothing, but nothing goes on for ever. But the current phase has certainly defeated the pessimists who thought Mr. Lawson's 1984 Budget was the last shot in the arm for a bull market whose time had come. The optimists, moreover, still think there is something left to go for. They point out that there has been a fundamental shift in the balance of advantage between capital and labour, to the emphatic advantage of the former, which has quite rightly given the bull market extra strength and length.

The ending of the miners' strike, whenever it comes, will transfer the economic growth lost this year into 1985 and extend the recovery even longer.

Privatising insolvency

THE Government, in keeping with other recent moves, is about to privatise the company insolvency industry. Under the provisions of the Insolvency Bill, published yesterday, companies facing financial troubles will have three major voluntary options, to redress matters. If their boards allow things to get bad enough to result in a court winding-up, the personal consequences for directors could be very painful indeed.

The major change, as expected, is the introduction of a "halfway-house" stage, in which an administrator would take charge of the management on behalf of creditors and, in return, creditors would agree to a 12-month moratorium on debts. This would be a toughened-up version of the pro-

ductive "Chapter 11" bankruptcies in the United States and should indicate that the company had, at least a fighting chance of recovery.

If that is not feasible, then the company could go either into normal receivership, with expanded rights for unsecured creditors under the new law, or voluntary liquidation. And receivers and liquidators will have to be properly licensed and bonded, as proposed by the Cork committee on insolvency reform on whose recommendations the report is largely based.

If none of these options is selected, and compulsory winding-up becomes necessary, all directors concerned will be disqualified automatically from holding boardroom posts for three years. That "sentence" will be suspended for three months during which period a director can apply for it to be lifted on one of three specified grounds. He can show that he did call for appropriate and timely action; that proceedings for voluntary liquidation had already begun, or that he had been on the board for three months or less.

Several bodies, including the C.B.I., maintain that these are insufficient grounds for relief and the automatic disqualification "will penalise many of the innocent" along with the rogues. Mr. Fletcher, Corporate and Consumer Affairs Minister, says the provisions judge the "fitness" of directors to direct.

The disqualification measures may be further adjusted, but their general import, together with the risk of loss of the protection of limited liability if "wrongful trading" is proved in court, could do much to remind directors to monitor corporate danger signals. The result could be both the saving of the endangered company and the prevention of much damage to its creditors.

Disappointments in the Bill include the predictable government decision not to modify the pre-eminence of its own departments as company creditors and the fact that the wrongful trading provision itself looks a little too general to be of practical use. The first test cases should be very interesting.

Institutions mop up Telecom shares

BRITISH TELECOM shares were bought up in a big peak yesterday as tens of thousands of small investors joined in the profit-taking rush after receiving their formal allotment letters in the morning post.

The shares closed 1p up at 96.5p after ranging between 94p and 97.5p during the day, just below the 100p target price set on the opening trading day last Monday.

Stockbrokers reported a huge volume of business with institutions ready to snap up all the small amounts of stock left over by private investors moved into the market.

An estimated 15 million to 20 million shares were traded in small packets ranging from 200 up to the maximum allocation of 800. Many shareholders decided to go for the profit on the down payment price of 50p rather than hang on for the telephone bill discount voucher or bonus share perks.

But stockbrokers were insisting on having the allotted letters in hand before handling deals for new clients. Many decided to take the letters by hand to City offices while others quickly put them in the post.

The rush to sell on the first official trading day for the small investor is a blow to Government hopes that the Telecom flotation would provide the basis for wider share ownership.

The temptation of a sizeable profit was too great to resist for many first time and professional investors.

Holders take up Matthey shares

JOHNSON Matthey's Ordinary shareholders have responded enthusiastically to the company's call for additional capital by taking up 80 p.c. of the convertible preference shares offered to them as part of last week's capital reconstruction scheme.

The results of the preference share issue, announced yesterday, show that shareholders other than Charter Consolidated subscribed for 7.5 million shares of the top issue, the total available to them of 12.8 million. The preference issue gives shareholders the right to convert into Johnson Matthey shares at 50p each against yesterday's price of 78p.

As a result of the capital reconstruction scheme, Charter's stake in Johnson Matthey rises from 27.9 p.c. to 35.9 p.c.

Wall Street rally runs out of steam

By LAUREN CHAMBLISS in Washington

THE prospect of lower oil prices lifted America's bond markets yesterday and left Wall Street a little cheerier by the close of dealings.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average started the day with a burst of enthusiasm as investors tried to build on the previous day's 9.05 rise, but later the average began to see-saw. At the close, however, the index was 6.07 higher at 1178.33.

Despite this it is believed the United Kingdom was considering a shift to a monthly price

setting system from the quarterly mechanism used, confused the market even more.

Bond prices rose sharply in response to the news and most short-term United States interest rates edged lower in moderate trading. Bond traders believe that lower oil prices could trigger further declines in key United States interest rates.

Part of yesterday's dismal stock performance was attributed to a sharp drop in Phillips Petroleum's shares.

New rules for Lloyd's auditors

UNDER NEW requirements for auditors of Lloyd's syndicates introduced yesterday, members will not be able to nominate the firm of accountants they want, challenge the auditors' appointment, or quiz them on the quality of their work. Lloyd's decided these are "hollow" rights, said Ian May, Davidson, chief executive.

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Carlton Comm. calls for £13.2m

CARLTON Communications yesterday reported pre-tax profits for the year to end-September 1984 of £13.2m, an increase of 50% on the £8.8m of the previous year.

Most of the money is to be used to buy a Californian company, Abekas Video Systems, which makes a complementary range of digital video products. Abekas will cost £12.5m and will be paid for in cash. For its first half to end Sept. the American company reported pre-tax profits of \$600,000 on turnover of \$2.1m, but it is forecasting a loss of at least \$2m for the year as a whole.

A final dividend of 4.5p, makes a total of 6p for the year, an increase of 33 p.c. The shares rose 6p to 650p.

A B Engineering

ASSOCIATED British Engineering which was £682,000 in the red in the closing months of 1983-84, has lost a further £915,000 in the opening half of this financial year. It has a £284,000 pre-tax profit.

It expects however to trade at around break-even in the second half and to return to profit in 1985.

All three divisions lost money with distribution swinging from an operating profit of £553,000 to a £208,000 deficit. This however was partly due to action taken to redress margin problems.

With a loss per share of 8.5p (earnings 1.82p) there is no interim (0.55p but no final).

A-R Television

BET member A-R Television has turned round from an opening half pre-tax profit of £1.07m to a £208,000 deficit. It has sharply increased losses of £1.04m against £267,000 incurred by associate Thames Television.

The associate's results were adversely affected by industrial disputes and will be reflected in its full-year profits, the group warns. The industrial dividend—5p last time—is being omitted.

Berkeley Group

BERKELEY GROUP's first set of interim results since joining the U.S.M. in July shows record pre-tax profits of £806,000 on turnover of £7.7m. Normally, two-thirds of this housebuilder's unit sales fall in the second half, but the current year is expected to contain a more balanced sales pattern.

Earnings came out at 5.2p and the forecast 1.2p interim dividend is payable Feb. 15.

ICI Australia

FULL year net attributable profits from ICI Australia have jumped from A\$24.1m to A\$64.7m on turnover of A\$1.48bn. The group's profits were struck after lower interest charges of A\$12.74m (A\$30.5m but before net extraordinary profits of A\$12.5m (loss A\$65,000)).

Earnings are up from 12 cents to 29 cents on the capital as increased by one-for-one share issue and the final dividend stays at 9 cents on March 1 for a 16 cents (15 cents) total.

Inn Leisure

INN Leisure Group, the public house and wine bar operator quoted on the U.S.M., has had another record year for pre-tax profits are up by over 77 p.c. from £538,000 to £954,000 on turnover of £2.29m ahead of £7.0m.

The board says it has raised by last year's £1.5m one-for-four rights issue materially assisted in the acquisition of new operations and the current year should see the full benefit from them.

There is a same again 0.42p dividend from earnings of 2.05p (2.10p).

Lake & Elliot

LAKE AND ELLIOT, the engineering and moulding group, is back in the black. Opening half pre-tax losses were cut from £1.15m to £254,000, and in the second it went on to profits of £893,000 for a full-year outturn of £451,000 against a £1.28m loss.

Profits were struck after lower interest charges of £355,000 (£241,000), redundancy costs of £241,000 (£492,000), and other operating expenses £3.15m (£4.86m).

There are earnings this time of 4.3p (losses 12.8p) but again no dividend—the last payment was a 1p interim in 1982.

The board says that although there has been a healthy improvement in the group's financial situation it has delayed the decision to resume dividends until next year.

McCorquodale

MCCORQUODALE, the international specialist printers and Britain's leading chequebook supplier has ended 1983-84 with pre-tax profits 11 p.c. ahead at £8.1m (£7.31m). It has taken accounting changes and strong performance into account, however, to enable it to maintain its recent unbroken growth record.

Redundancy charges associated with the cheque taking place in chequebook printing have previously been charged above the line, but this time £200,000 of related costs for 1983-84 has been included in a £2.2m provision below the line.

The group has invested heavily in new technology across the

board and, although the opening half of the current year is likely to continue to be affected by its cheque printing activities, the benefit of this is expected to show through thereafter.

McLeod Russel

A STRONG GROWTH in earnings is reported by plantation to property group McLeod Russel for the 18 months to Sept. 30. The pre-tax profit is £12.0m and compares with £4.94m for the previous 12 months, while earnings for the period come out at 80.85p against last year's adjusted 8.97p.

The group has started the new year well and against this background is paying a 4.5p final dividend Feb. 14 for an 11.5p (8.5p adjusted) total. The 11.5p is also one-for-three scrip issue.

A £24m extraordinary debit relates mainly to losses on the interest in the retail shopping centre at Baytown, Houston.

Meyer International

A MARGINAL fall in the housing industry's workload is one factor behind the 5p in opening half pre-tax profits of £1.9m for Meyer International from £18.9m to 16.1m. It meant a lower demand for the company's products and more competitive conditions, bringing trading profit down £1.1m to £18.5m.

The contribution from asset sales was also lower, at £235,000 (£785,000), and the share from related companies was back from £100,000 to £18,000. Borrowings, however, continued to fall so that interest charges were £338,000 lower.

The interim, too, is up, from 1.65p to 1.8p, payable Feb. 11, and the forecast for the full year still shows a surplus somewhat similar to 1983-84.

Plaxtons

WEIGHING in with as fore-shadowed pre-tax profits of £1.98m (£2.92m) for the year ended September 1984, Plaxtons adds a caution on the prospects this time for the earnings of its coachbuilding side.

An industrial dispute was not resolved until October so the number of coaches available for sale in the early part of the current season was considerably reduced. Moreover to make up for the loss of production, additional labour has been taken on and overtime worked and the competition is more severe. The 1983-84 final is 3p maintaining the total at 33p for earnings of £1.98m (£2.92m).

Smith & Nephew

SMITH & Nephew Associated Companies, the wide-ranging medical products group, has weighed in with pre-tax profits of £57.6m, against £50.1m for the 40 weeks to Oct. 6 for earnings of 7.78p (6.31p adjusted).

Sales to third parties advanced from £245.9m to £278.5m. Profits were after lower interest charges of £2.58m (£2.97m) and attributable profits from related companies were up from £4.25m (£3.79m).

The acquisitions of the remaining part of Smith & Nephew Iberica, Barcelona, to complete the group's ownership of H. M. Cole, Montreal, have been completed. The cost of these acquisitions totalled £6.5m.

Wolves & Dudley

PROFITS and dividend growth at Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries continue for the group has had another record year. Pre-tax profits are up from £12.2m to £13.5m and the total dividend is raised from 6.85p to 7.6p with a 5.05p final on Dec. 17 from earnings of 25.8p (£27.8m). Turnover advanced from £98.4m to £94.1m.

The company has strengthened its market position in the West Midlands and expanded into Cheshire, Manchester, Leicester, and Bristol. Between October and Christmas the group will have acquired five new outlets and opened eight brand new public houses.

Board looks forward to continued progress both in volume and profits.

IN BRIEF

Wyndham Engineering: First half pre-tax profit £25,000 (£24,000). Turnover £647,000 (£641,000). Eps 2.25p (3.58p). As usual, no interim dividend. Strong order book.

Smith Whitworth: First half pre-tax profit £130,800 (loss £28,700). Turnover £2.41m (£2.78m). Eps 5.22p (loss 0.71p). As usual, no interim dividend. Order book remains reasonably good.

Frederick Cooper: Full year pre-tax profit £452,000 (£423,700). Turnover £20.5m (£18.2m). Eps 8.86p (4.60p). Extraordinary dividend £155,000 (£278,300), including deferred tax adjustments. Final dividend 1.24p (nil) on 1.77p (1.65p).

Widell Collier Rutherford Scott: First half pre-tax profit £94,000 (£204,000). Turnover £12.6m (£9.61m). Eps 2.28p (loss 1.50p). Interim dividend 0.75p (nil) to 0.62p. New business gains gives confidence for continued growth.

Armitage Rhodes: First half pre-tax profit £85,000 (loss £9,000). Turnover £4.41m (£4.51m). Interim dividend 1p (nil) payable Jan. 11. Weaving orders at highest level for 12 months.

Abekas: First half pre-tax profit £54,000 (£258,000). Turnover £3.49m (£2.21m). Eps 1.54p (11.25p); no interim dividend but 0.6p of already forecast.

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1985/84	High	Low	Company	Price	Chgs	Gross Yld	Divid	Actual	P/E	Taxed	
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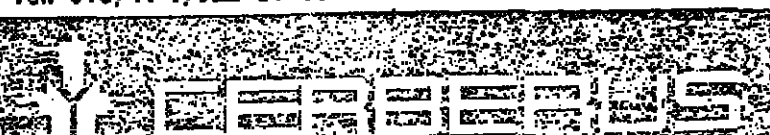
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KALA DANCER TOP-RATED IN FREE HANDICAP

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

A KINSMAN, who missed a Wetherby clash with Burrough Hill Lad and Wayward Lad last weekend, should justify his stable's realistic choice of race by winning the Tommy Whittle 'Chase at Haydock Park this afternoon.

A Kinsman finished second over the Haydock Park three miles three weeks ago, when Wayward Lad gave him 9lb and a comfortable beating. His opponents today include Gave Chance, third in Burrough Hill Lad's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.

Gave Chance, receiving 18lb from Burrough Hill Lad, finished 24 lengths behind him and made several serious jumping mistakes.

Forgive 'n Forget, another Haydock Park rival for A Kinsman (nap), was beaten 10 lengths by him when they finished first and second in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham last spring.

Very Promising, third to Dawn Run in last season's Champion Hurdle, will have his first race over fences in the 'Chase, but I rely on the experience of Cornering.

Kala Dancer, surprise winner of the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes, heads the European Free Handicap for two-year-olds, but Triptych is only 25lb behind him.

TODAY'S HAYDOCK PARK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
1-6 The Beguiling	1-0 Little Glycer	1-0 The Beguiling
2-3 Cornering	1-0 Very Promising	1-0 Cornering
2-3 KINSMAN (nap)	2-0 A Kinsman	2-0 Gave Chance
2-3 Kala Dancer	2-0 A Kinsman	2-0 Gave Chance
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HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE: A Kinsman and Isharrahan. TONY STAFFORD-Primrose Wood (2.30).

Leading her 3lb sex allowance into second place, Kala Dancer, who has since joined Arianne, has been the David O'Brien stable's best since the start of the season.

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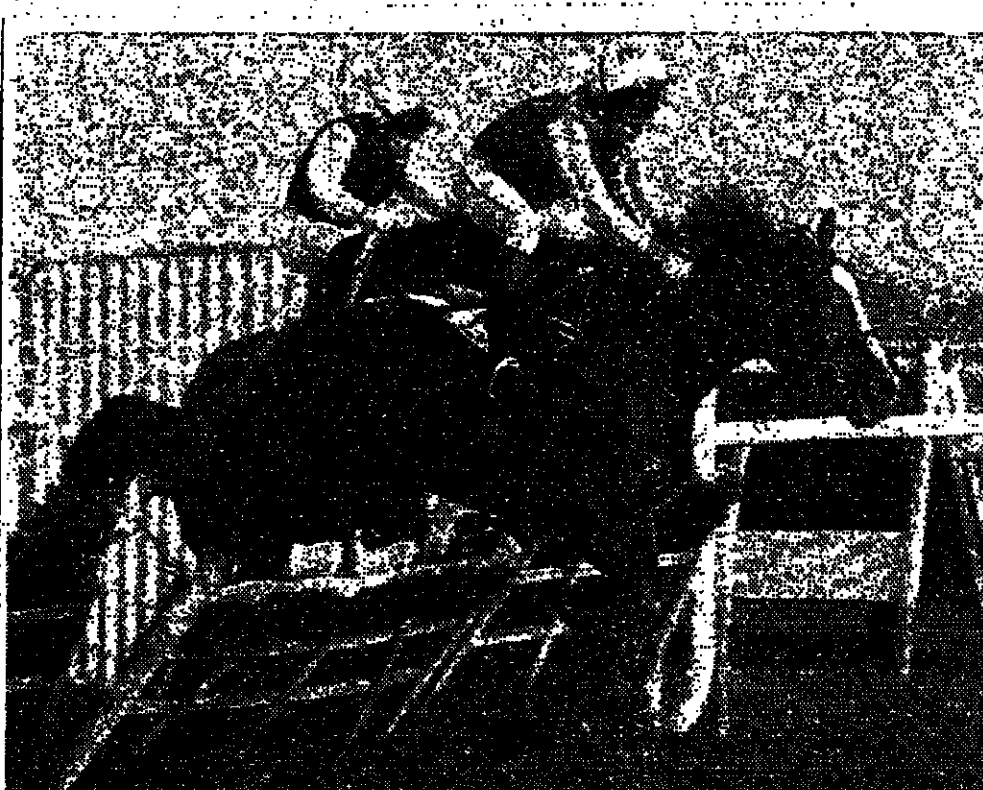
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Mitilini (Colin Furlong) leads Paulatin over the last flight at Plumpton yesterday on his way to a three-length victory.

A KINSMAN IS BEST OF DAY

By Our Course Correspondent
A KINSMAN, who was firmly put into his place when beaten by Wayward Lad at Haydock Park last month, may make a winning return to course and distance in today's Tommy Whittle 'Chase (2.0).

A Kinsman was rated the top staying novice of last season after taking the strongly contested Sun Alliance 'Chase at Cheltenham by 10 lengths from today's rival Forgive 'n Forget.

Poor start
Forgive 'n Forget, who let his supporters down with a lacklustre display behind Money Moore at Ayr, looks held on only 2lb better terms.

Chief Singer, with a norm of 92, is rated chiefly on his mile form. He also won the six-furlong July Cup and is assessed far higher than any of the current sprinters.

Leaders in the free handicap
The leading weights for the Handicap, run over 7f, at Newmarket on April 17, are:

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Schools Soccer

CHIGWELL RECORD INTACT

By Our Schools' Soccer Correspondent

CHIGWELL, unbeaten in two seasons, continued their long run with a 3-0 victory over Aldenham.

Aldenham proved formidable second half opponents and the final Chigwell goal was very much against the run of play. Brentwood controlled the first half, but their attack with Laming, who looked the more dangerous in attack, A. H. Hunt, another 11, were better than Forest and Q.E.S. Blackburn.

Highgate boasting a young team this season which has been beaten only by Malvern and winners over Wellington, however, play was closer than the score suggests.

In a high-scoring match visitors Altrincham beat Sutton Manor 5-1, while Westminster beat St. Edmunds, Canterbury 3-1.

Physical battle

Muddy conditions restricted skillful play as Skene's 11 played off 8-3-2. Skene's appeared to be the better side at 20 but Aldenham fought back to level scores before a late Skene goal, 2-1, found a goal for the winner with the line headed by a physical battle between Devonport H.S. and St. Austell but the latter were well matched and the 2-2 draw was a fair result.

In another keenly contested match Heston beat the upper hand late in the game to beat Peter Symonds 4-1.

The English Schools' Football Association has staged a regional Under 18 competition to help the selection of the England Under 18 Schools' XI. The South West region drew an excellent game against the South East and, although they were leading 3-0 at one stage, the final score was 2-2.

ESFA trials

In the South West Inter-County Cup quarter-final Oxford beat Basing 2-1. First round matches saw some of the best football in the country. Oxford beat Basing 2-1, Worcester 4-2, Cornwall beat Walsingham 2-2 and Hampshire beat Basing 2-1.

Under 15 England squad are well under way. More than 80 boys attended trials at Lillington at the end of November. Further back last weekend for further assessment and numbers will be reduced to 20 for final selection.

The international programme starts with a game against Northern Ireland at Oldham ground on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Golf

Faldo chasing the Sunshine money

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Cape Town
NICK FALDO, runner-up to Open champion Severiano Ballesteros in the Sun City Million Dollar Challenge, is the star attraction in today's opening event of the £500,000 Sunshine Circuit.

Faldo agreed on Sunday morning to play in the 50th anniversary South African Airways Masters championship at the Milnerton Links, near Cape Town.

He pocketed the biggest cheque of his career, £30,000, for finishing six strokes behind Ballesteros. This week has the comparatively paltry purse of £60,000 to play for.

He has become extremely popular in South Africa. In several years ago about never returning here because of the United Nations blacklist.

His explanation has been accepted by South African fans and he is almost as popular as Ballesteros.

Faldo did play in the 1978 Masters at Milnerton course and finished ninth in a week. The player who, along with Denis Watson, will join Faldo as members of elite Sun City club who are back in action this week.

The Masters is the opening event of a record Sunshine Circuit. Faldo's £30,000 is on offer this week and next, and

FEVER RULES READ OUT OF BERGEN TRIP

By PAT BESFORD

KATHY READ, backstroke swimmer for Britain at the Los Angeles Olympics, has pulled out of the team for the European Cup in Bergen, Norway, this weekend. The Norwich girl, 15, has glandular fever.

Unlucky Miss Read who missed her first cap for Britain at the age of 15 in 1953 because of an appendix operation will also have to skip at the U.S.A. in January.

She was one of a small squad of four world-ranked competitors chosen for a multi-nation meeting at Fayetteville, Arkansas from Jan. 28.

Those now going to America are European and Commonwealth champion Adrian Moorhouse (Leeds), Olympic finalist Steve Poulter (Wigan) and newcomer Samantha Purvis (Stockton).

Rackets

PRENN NEAR TO HIS BEST

By ROB McLEAN

JOHN PRENN has the chance of quick revenge against his rackets rival Willie Boone in the final of the Celebration Invitation Singles at Queen's Club, West London today.

Succeeded by Boone as world champion at the start of this month, Prenn appears to be getting back to something near his best form and fitness following a long-term back injury.

His impressive win over James Makey back to back in the first round, Prenn won in straight games.

Earlier holder Boone had got out of his back best to produce another win over Randall Crawley, the perennial semi-finalist.

CELEBRATION SINGLES (Queen's Club, London, Dec. 12-13, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40, 41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47-48, 49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55-56, 57-58, 59-60, 61-62, 63-64, 65-66, 67-68, 69-70, 71-72, 73-74, 75-76, 77-78, 79-80, 81-82, 83-84, 85-86, 87-88, 89-90, 91-92, 93-94, 95-96, 97-98, 99-100, 101-102, 103-104, 105-106, 107-108, 109-110, 111-112, 113-114, 115-116, 117-118, 119-120, 121-122, 123-124, 125-126, 127-128, 129-130, 131-132, 133-134, 135-136, 137-138, 139-140, 141-142, 143-144, 145-146, 147-148, 149-150, 151-152, 153-154, 155-156, 157-158, 159-160, 161-162, 163-164, 165-166, 167-168, 169-170, 171-172, 173-174, 175-176, 177-178, 179-180, 181-182, 183-184, 185-186, 187-188, 189-190, 191-192, 193-194, 195-196, 197-198, 199-200, 201-202, 203-204, 205-206, 207-208, 209-210, 211-212, 213-214, 215-216, 217-218, 219-220, 221-222, 223-224, 225-226, 227-228, 229-230, 231-232, 233-234, 235-236, 237-238, 239-240, 241-242, 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DOWN

1 Fresh support for the American dollar? (9)

2 A Spanish wine jar smashed when empty? (5)

3 The salad food that's the last thing I have cut down on? (8)

4 Government plan for the economy? (6)

5 Smart girl that is after a share of the proceeds? (5)

6 No reply from the editor? (4)

7 A region that isn't devoid of humanity? (9)

8 He's not much good as a fiddler? (9)

9 In vain he sought to get gold from St Michael? (9)

10 Disposal of a crop exported from the South Sea Islands? (5)

11 One who is extremely interested in politics? (5)

12 A mass rising on India's northern border? (5)

13 An ancient made with timber located in Georgia? (6)

14 Article torn out by a girl from Italy? (6)

15 French law about French currency? (5)

16 A capital atmosphere in a small business establishment? (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Roots

2 Small nails

3 Employment

4 Slightly wounded

DOWN

1 Devout

2 Crumson

3 Holder of unorthodox opinion

4 Looked for

5 Attempted

6 Trickery

7 11th again

8 Gnatcatcher

9 Night wear

10 Long narrow flag

11 Small

12 Wander aimlessly

13 Crude metal

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DR NOISE

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U.S. SUSPECT SKYJACK END WAS 'FIXED'

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

THE United States attacked Iran yesterday for its handling of the Kuwaiti aircraft skyjacking and accused the Tehran authorities of "clearly encouraging" the terrorists.

And President Reagan, in brief remarks to journalists at the White House, said: "Even if they weren't in collusion, the Iranians could have done better."

'TELECOM ERA' HAILED BY LAWSON

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

THE huge public demand for British Telecom shares was a setback for the Labour party and the trade unions in their attitude towards nationalisation, declared Mr. Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, last night.

Addressing the Institute of Directors, he claimed that the BT privatisation and other Government measures meant that "a new and healthier social order was on the march".

The developments also confirmed that the Government's objectives were as much social and political as economic.

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Commons Sketch Golden hour of Cook and Rifkind

By EDWARD PEARCE

WHAT a rich diet they do feed us. Yesterday's proceedings were like one of those splendid and bad-for-you Sicilian pastries packed full of raisins, candied peel, angelica and maraschino cherries.

In the course of a single afternoon we had Mr. Heseline in his best Fairly Secret Army style committing himself to Trident to the end of time.

Mr. Patrick Jenkin losing his temper and making a formidable good performance (both proceedings about a document, which was the subject of the Commons debate).

When Mr. Cook remarked that he approved of the entry of the British into the E.C. which is apparently spending money, it hasn't got in a way which makes Mr. Derek Hatton look sixpence overdrawn.

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Mr. Jenkin had a certain advantage in his statement yesterday, total obscurity being the greatest of all inclusions of the black grant pound schedule.

Conscious that he was one of three people present who understood the Colapuk in which the Commons is engaged, he expressed, the normally depressive Mr. Jenkin put, if not a smirk then a mild flip into his stride turning on his heels and using violent language.

Steady white wine for a sarsaparilla-drinker. Preserved for clarification of the verbal sludge of municipal speak.

Parliament—P9

SCHOOL STRIKE CAUSES CHAOS

A strike by teachers in Scotland caused widespread disruption yesterday. Thousands of pupils were given the day off and scores of schools were closed.

It was the first of three one-day strikes this week called by the Educational Institute of Scotland as part of a campaign for an independent salary review.

DURBAN 3 TO QUIT CONSULATE

By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

THREE anti-apartheid demonstrators who have occupied the British Consulate in Durban for three months will leave the premises voluntarily today to face certain arrest by the South African security police.

Mr. Archie Gumede, the black president of the United Democratic Front, the anti-apartheid umbrella organisation, and Mr. Billy Hair and Mr. Paul David, officials of the Natal Indian Congress, announced their decision to quit their sit-in through their spokesmen at a Press conference in Durban last night.

The decision was precipitated by the South African authorities' sudden and surprising withdrawal of detention orders against the three men.

Another three men who originally occupied the consulate with them and who were detained immediately they left were charged in Durban magistrates court with high treason and held pending a trial.

Successful campaign

Dr. Farook Meer, spokesman for the three, said they would leave the premises today under protest "having fought a very successful campaign against detention without trial."

Dr. Meer said that the three fugitives and their colleagues in the UDF and the N.I.C. condemn the inhuman rule of the South African Government during the sit-in demonstration which started in April.

The British Government, he said, had steadfastly denied to accede to the demands of the fugitives in the consulate and was "paralysed by its own greed and self-interest" and could not offer even a whimper of protest.

The original detention orders issued against the Durban protesters resulted from the widespread protests and boycotts organised by the Indian community against the community elections earlier this year.

The Indian and coloured (mixed) race houses of parliament under South Africa's new constitution.

THATCHER DEFENDS TAX CUTS

By Our Political Staff

The Prime Minister signalled to Conservative MPs yesterday that she still favours tax cuts rather than higher Government spending as an attempt to curb unemployment.

She said in the Commons that it was "absolutely vital" to raise tax thresholds, which would take more people away from paying tax and in turn encourage more people to look for work.

Her remarks were made in the face of a growing feeling among Conservative MPs that the £1.57 million which Mr. Lawson Chancellor, could have available for tax cuts, was more appropriately spent on attacking unemployment through capital investment.

Her words were seen as a preface to an end-of-term speech which she is to give to the 192 Committee of all Conservative MPs tomorrow night.

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